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Assembly Battle Over 'Safeguards'

BHULABHAI EXPOSES BRITISH PRETENSIONS

House Votes For Repeal Of 'Restriction' Clauses

NEW DELHI, April 4, A. P. I.) The Central Assembly passed today without a division Mr. Manu Subedar's resolution asking that early action be taken for the removal of Sections 111 to 121 of the Government of India Act 1935.

These sections relate to commercial safeguards.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

The Central Assembly resumed the debate on Mr. Manu Subedar's resolution for the removal of Section 111 to 121 of the Government of India Act 1935 (Commercial Safeguards.)

Sir Cowasji Jehangir (unattached) supporting the resolution traced the history of the Sections relating to Commercial Safeguards and said how he and other delegates to the Round Table Conferences opposed such safeguards. That time, His Majesty's Government did not even permit the word "dominion status" to be included in the Preamble of the Act, now they had promised Dominion Status to India with the right to secede. The under-Secretary of State for India speaking in the House of Lords had stated that all safeguards and guarantees for special British interests were consistent with the offer of complete Self-Government.

Sir Cowasji said that planning was being done in India now under circumstances which would be inconsistent with the times when those plans would be put into execution.

He asked for a declaration by His Majesty's Government to the effect that the Government of India and the Governors would treat the sections as dead letter from now on. This, he said, would meet the position and planning could proceed on the basis of Dominion Status for this country.

FEAR OF BRITISH COMBINES.

Mr. Akhil Chandra Dutt said that while the safeguard sections existed, it was not possible for the Government to undertake any planning for the establishment of new industries or for reconstructing old industries. British companies with cent per cent British capital and other powerful combines with international ramifications would establish themselves here to the detriment of Indian industries. India, he thought, could only plan, but could not execute those plans. He urged Government to support the resolution.

Sir Henry Richardson, Leader of the European Group, declared that Mr. Manu Subedar based his case upon two different types of arguments. One was sentimental, and the other practical. The first argument was that the existence of statutory restrictions upon India's power to plan the economic life of the country was derogatory to the national dignity. That argument must command the respect of every independent people. Nevertheless, logic compelled them to recognise that any reciprocal arrangement, whether in the Act or outside it, must involve some restrictions and limitations. The remedy lay not in the removal of a particular block of sections, but in the complete re-orientation of methods. "We in this group stand fully committed to the principle that India must frame her own constitution, and it is in the speedy application of that principle rather than in tinkering with particular chapters of the Act that we see the means of satisfying India's legitimate pride", said Sir Henry.

Sir Henry deplored that neither the mover nor the Planning and Reconstruction Member was explicit. Sir Henry asked for greater clarity in this matter before asking for the support of the House.

Sir Henry went on to say that Mr. Manu Subedar might be right in fearing the action of great combines, but he doubted whether Mr. Subedar was right in supposing that they would necessarily be non-Indian. It might well be that great Indian combines would be the principal menace to the growth of new Indian concerns in a self-governing India. He emphasised that the sections were purely negative in their action, and they merely prevented discrimination.

He said that the Britishers claimed the right born of their long connection with India—to carry on and develop business here in fair competition with other interests. If the object of the mover was to place obstacles in the way of British business in this country and by positive discrimination against them, to give Indian business an advantage, then they would not accept the position. They claimed no commercial privileges as compared with any other community, but they did claim, and they would continue to insist that they must be left free to carry on business in this country without discriminatory restrictions.

The sections had been in the Act for ten years, and he doubted whe-

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FRESH BR. FLEET FOR FAR EAST

To Take Part In Reconquest Of Burma

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter).—The Japanese News Agency reported today that a British Fleet consisting of some ten units has left the Red Sea bound for the Indian Ocean to take part in operations for the reconquest of Burma and Malaya.

The report added that Britain had already assembled in this area a fleet which included seven aircraft carriers, five of them of 23,000 tons.

Marquess Of Dufferin Killed

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter).—Captain Marquess of Dufferin and Ava is reported killed in Burma. He would have been 36 on Friday.

The Marquess who had been serving as a Staff Officer at Headquarters of the Mandalay sector in Burma was killed in action on March 25. He was Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1937 to 1940.

Recently British troops occupied Ava, for many years the capital of Burma from which the first Earl of Dufferin and Viceroy of India, when Upper Burma was annexed, took titles of Earl of Ava and later Marquess of Dufferin and Ava. Fort Dufferin, which was the scene of recent fierce fighting and captured by the Allies last month, was named after the first Earl.

The present Marquess had served on the Burma front about six months.

He was the fourth holder of the title to which he succeeded in July, 1930, following the death of his father in the Meopham air crash.

Lord Dufferin married Miss Maureen Guinness, daughter of the Hon. Arthur Ernest Guinness a few weeks before his father's death.

The new Marquess is the six-year-old son of the Earl of Ava. He has two sisters, Lady Caroline born in 1931 and Lady Perdita born in 1934.

BATTLE OF LEIPZIG TO END THIRD REICH

Patton's Rapid Thrust Into Heart Of Germany: French Enter Karlsruhe

LONDON, April 4. From Reuter's Military Correspondent: Gen. Patton, now driving a powerful armoured wedge through the centre of Germany, may contact the Russians in the Leipzig area within a week and make the battle of Leipzig the end of the Third Reich.

To-day Gen. Patton is about 75 miles from this important centre while the Russians are about 125 miles away.

Half of the German troops on the eastern front are based on the Leipzig—Dresden sector to ward off the growing weight of Marshal Koniev's attacks.

FRENCH ENTER KARLSRUHE

PARIS, Wednesday: Gen. Patton's spearheads are seven miles beyond Gotha and are within 133 miles of Berlin.

The Paris radio to-day quoted an official French announcement saying that French troops have entered Karlsruhe.

HURLEY IN LONDON

LONDON, Wednesday, (Reuter): The American Ambassador to China, Brigadier-General Patrick J. Hurley arrived in London today on his return journey to Chungking from his visit to the United States. During the few days he will be in London he will hold routine conversations with British and American officials on Far Eastern matters.

FRENCH MINISTER RESIGNS

PARIS Wednesday. (Reuter): The Minister of National Economy, M. Pierre Mendes France resigned to-day.

M. Mendes France, Reuter adds, had been in disagreement for some time with the price stabilisation plans of the Finance Minister, M. Rene Pleven, and when the latter's scheme was accepted last month, he handed in his resignation. He was then, however, persuaded to remain in office.

S. H. A. E. F. COMMUNIQUE.

S. H. A. E. F. PARIS: The Allied Communique, to-day reports that Muenster has been cleared and Aschaffenburg has been captured.

North of Nijmegen a large area between the Waal and the Neder Rijn has been cleared as well as Lochem to the north-east.

The river Werre has been crossed south of Herford.

On the northern side of the Ruhr pocket, Allied forces crossed the Lippe Seiten canal and are fighting the outskirts of Hamm.

The Communique reports the capture of Warburg and Siegen. Troops are across the Sieg river, ten miles north of Siegen and have also entered Wurzburg. Another crossing was made some eight miles to the south but a German counter-attack reduced some of the two-mile advance beyond the river. Another German General who was a hospital patient was taken prisoner. The Allies in the west captured 27,771 prisoners on Monday.

EMS-WESER CANAL CROSSED.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP HQ.: The Eleventh Armoured Division has advanced eight miles to cross the Ems-Weser Canal north of Osnabrueck.

British airborne troops are still fighting in Osnabruck but other elements of the same Division have bypassed the town and pushed eight miles to the east.

WITH THE TWENTY-FIRST CANADIAN ARMY (Reuter).—Canadian troops over the Twente Canal in Northern Holland have enlarged their bridgeheads and have entered the town of Zuiphen on the Ipsel, 17 miles north-east of Arnhem.

NAZIS QUITTING HOLLAND

MONTGOMERY'S H.Q., April 4 (U. P.A.)—The evacuation of Holland appears to be turning into an evacuation of all north-western Germany west of the Bremen-Magdeburg line, it was reported tonight.

SOVIET AT GATES OF VIENNA

Will Nazis Make Another Budapest Of Austria's Capital?

MOSCOW, April 4. From Reuter's Special Correspondent, two Soviet spearheads, tipped with armoured units which rank among the cream of Russian tank armies, are to-night aimed at the heart of Vienna.

A third Soviet spearhead, coming from the east has stabbed deep into the Danube gorge known as the Bratislava Gap and to-day the indications are that it will not be held up for long. Four Wehrmacht units are racing through the streets of Vienna to join battle with the Russians almost at the gates of the city. It is the moment for a final stand.

If Marshal Tolbukhin's troops cannot be stemmed in the thickly populated area just south of the city, Russian troops will be breaking into Vienna in a matter of hours.

What will follow then is for the Germans to decide but it seems most probable that they will attempt to stage another Budapest and drag Vienna, like the other Danube capital, down in ruins.

Moving across hill country which concedes no advantage to the attackers, Marshal Tolbukhin has pushed out a threatening offshoot towards the Vienna-Linz line. Other mobile Soviet forces are only waiting the fall of Bratislava to pour through the Gap in a drive for Vienna's links with the north.

Large Soviet forces massed around Wiener Neustadt are swinging into action along the highway to Vienna. After sweeping past the northern tip of Lake Neusiedl, the army of Soviet and Rumanian troops under Marshal Malinovsky is striking swiftly towards the Australian capital from the south-east.

IN NORTHERN YUGOSLAVIA.

Marshal Tolbukhin's troops have plunged from Hungary into Northern Yugoslavia on the left flank of the Soviet southern offensive and there is now a mounting threat to Maribor, important communications centre just south of the Yugoslav-Austrian frontier. Graz, the second city of Austria, is also threatened as another Soviet invasion of Austria, this time from the south, seems imminent.

IN BRATISLAVA GAP.

The German High Command Communique to-day reported that the Russians made some gains between Lake Neusiedt and the Danube in the Bratislava defence belt.

In the little Carpathians and on both the sides of the river Vah (Waag) the Russians were able to press back the German lines at some points. Fighting is still going on inside Breslau, where the Russians have broken into the western front of the Fortress.

Sapru Meets Viceroy

NEW DELHI, April 4 (A.P.I.): Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru had an interview with the Viceroy to-day.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (Reuter): The United States Man-power Bill—an attempt to introduce war mobilisation on the British and Russian lines—was rejected by the Senate to-day by 46 votes to 29.

Commonwealth Conference

DON IDDON AND MADAM PANDIT

Amery To Take Part As S. Of S. And To Represent Burma

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 4.

It is understood Mr. Amery will participate with Sir T. V. Krishnamachari, Sir F. K. Noon and Sir R. Mudaliar in Empire talks which are formally opening today under the chairmanship of Viscount Cranborne. He will be there only as Secretary of State for India, but will represent Burma, since Sir R. Mudaliar is not arriving until late in the evening. He won't be present at today's opening. The Indian delegates will be guests of His Majesty's Government, staying at Savoy Hotel, where the official Indian flag along with other Empire flags will be hoisted. Don Iddon, the "Daily Mail's" New York correspondent again refers to Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit. He says: "India Office via the British Embassy says it is rather worried about my recent comments on Madam Pandit, sister of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. Mr. Iddon's observation is: 'worry about Pandit not about me.'

Vansittart On End Of German Era

LONDON, April 4. (Reuter): Lord Vansittart, former Diplomatic Adviser to the British Government, stated in London to-day: "These great days mark the end of the greatest peril which has ever confronted mankind. It is much more than the end of a hideous episode. It is the end of the German era which has lasted more than three-quarters of a century and brought measureless misery to man. I think we are all agreed that henceforth German military power must be reduced to a permanent zero. "The Germans will not return to reason unless they are reasonably deindustrialised. If the Yalta formula does not mean that, it cannot mean anything", he said.

Declaring that he thought it would take twenty-five years it pre-war preponderance.

U. S. Bombers Found Kiel And Hamburg

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter).—More than 1,000 'Flying Fortresses' and 'Liberators' today bombed Kiel, Hamburg and airfields in north-west Germany.

Early reports give 15 German planes shot down.

NO SHELTER FOR MUSSO AS POLITICAL REFUGEE

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter): Rome correspondents of several London newspapers today report that the Swiss Government has informed the Italian Government that if Mussolini seeks shelter in Switzerland he would not be received as a political refugee, but asylum might be granted if an application for entry is made on grounds of ill health.

The correspondents state that Mussolini's health is known to be poor and according to all reports he is suffering from stomach ulcers and had a slight stroke.

Money Rewards For Helping Break Black Market

KARACHI, Aapril 4 (A.P.I.)—To break the black market in respect of cloth the Government of Sind has announced handsome rewards for those who give information to the authorities resulting in conviction of the offender.

The rewards extend to Rs." 1,000 and ten per cent of the cloth confiscated or cash value for the cloth.

ASHTI-CHIMUR CASES HEARING

'Habeas Corpus' Application Before New Bench Of Nagpur High Court

NAGPUR, April 4 (A.P.I.)—The 'habeas corpus' application of the seven prisoners condemned to death in the Chimur and Ashti cases will come up tomorrow before a new bench of the High Court consisting of Justices M. B. Neogy and C. R. Hemeon.

This is a result of two applications made by Mr. Hidayatullah, the Advocate-General, to Sir Frederick Grille, Chief Justice.

In his first application Mr. Hidayatullah prayed that the 'habeas corpus' application contained urgent matter and that the case should be heard immediately. The Chief Justice has agreed and has fixed the hearing for tomorrow.

In his second application the Advocate-General prayed that since Justice Puranik had once expressed the desire that he would not hear the Chimur and Ashti cases because he had heard the previous application, Justice Puranik's desire should be given effect to. The Chief Justice has accepted the plea and ordered that a bench consisting of Mr. Neogy and Hemeon should hear the application.

The defence counsel were not present when the applications were heard.

AZAD'S TRANSFER POSTPONED

Asaf Ali For Gurdaspur: Pattabhi For Trichy

AHMEDNAGAR, April 4 (A.P.I.)—It is stated that the transfer of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, from the Ahmednagar Fort Jail has been postponed by a couple of days.

It is now learnt that Mr. Asaf Ali, who was removed from the Ahmednagar Fort Jail yesterday will be taken to Gurdaspur in the Punjab.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya will be taken to Trichinopoly tomorrow evening.

RAID ON NEWSPAPER OFFICES

CALCUTTA, April 4. (A.P.) Offices of the Amrita Bazar Patrika, Hindusthan Standard, Nationalist and Ananda Bazar Patrika were searched to-day by the Special Branch Police under Section G 126 (4) of the Defence of India Rules. Manuscript copies of two statements made by Mrs. Labanya Prabha Dutta about the National Week and collections for the Congress Political Sufferers Fund during the weeks were seized.

Deputy Speaker Suffering From Cancer

HUBLI, April 4. (A.P.I.): Mr. Narayanrao Joshi, Deputy Speaker, Bombay Legislative Assembly, is reported to be suffering from cancer.

25 LAKHS TO BE RAISED FOR MAHADEO DESAI FUND

BOMBAY, April 4. (U.P.I.): It is understood that the Secretaries of the Mahadev Desai Memorial Fund have been authorised to release an appeal for collecting Rs. 25,00,000 and start collections immediately. The work of collection is to finish before August 15, 1945, the anniversary of the late Mr. Desai's death.

The "United Press" reliably understands that the fund will be utilised for village uplift work and for training of village workers. It also learnt that a building will be erected in Bombay in memory of the late Mr. Desai where scholars from all over the world would be given facilities to study the writings of Mahatma Gandhi. The building would also have a big library containing special books dealing with village problems and work.

It is further learnt that Mahatma Gandhi has heartily endorsed the scheme. The office of the Fund will be at the Navjivan Trust Office, Ahmedabad.

AFGHAN MISSION RETURNS TO KABUL

PESHAWAR, April 3 (A.P.I.): After completing their tour of India the Afghan Publicity Mission has reached Kabul.

PESHAWAR, April 3 (A.P.I.): By an order the Governor of N.W.F.P. has prohibited the export of Mulberry Shisham and other wood from N.W.F.P. by road or rail except for defence purposes under permits granted by the Provincial Government.

STOP PRESS

Call To Nazi Women To Join Underground

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter).—Nazi women's sports organisations received the first order tonight to prepare to participate in the underground resistance movement. The German Radio instructed all members of these organisations not to disband their clubs but "maintain contact in word and spirit for the work which the morrow will impose on us."

Reuter adds since 1933 leaders of all German Sports Clubs have been appointed by the Nazi Party.

PRIMATE OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 4. (A.P.A.): The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Bishop of London since 1939, will be enthroned as Primate of all England in Canterbury Cathedral on April 19, it was announced to-day.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE BRATISLAVA

MOSCOW, April 4. (Reuter): Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, has been captured states Marshal Stalin in an 'order of the day.'

U. S. DIVISION ENTERS OHRDRUF

U. S. THIRD ARMY (Wednesday) Reuter: The Fourth U. S. Armoured Division to-day advanced six miles and entered Ohrdruf seven miles south of Gotha.

They cleared the town after meeting scattered resistance.

TWO RAIDS ON JAPAN

LONDON, April 4 (U.P.A.)—The German News Agency DNB, quoting a Tokyo dispatch, said tonight that the metropolitan areas of Kanto and Shizuoka in the Japanese homeland were attacked twice today by ninety American 'Super Forts.'

BR. AIRCRAFT WORKERS ON STRIKE.

MANCHESTER, April 4. (Reuter): Nearly 30,000 workers in seven of eight aircraft factories in the Avroe Group are staging a two days' "token strike" beginning to-morrow. They demand abolition of piecework wages and introduction of a "substantial bonus" on the basic rate.

It is understood that the National Arbitration Tribunal has rejected the claim for revision of piecework wages.

SIX CRUSHED TO DEATH

Tragic Fate Of Men On Footpath When Wall Collapses

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Six persons were crushed to death this evening, when the wall of a godown on Chinchbunder Road between Nowroji Hill No. 4 and Dongri Police Station collapsed. The men were on the footpath when the wall collapsed, and they were caught under it.

The reason for the collapse of the wall is learnt to be that the wall could not stand up to the pressure of the dyeing material stacked against it.

The bodies were removed to the morgue.

GANDHIJI TO PROLONG HIS STAY IN CITY

Kasturba Fund Trustees' Meeting Adjourned To April 13

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The meeting of the Board of trustees of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund held a brief sitting to-day. Mahatma Gandhi presided. The meeting of the Board was adjourned to April 13.

Mahatma Gandhi will extend his stay in Bombay and will preside over the adjourned meeting of the Board.

As the various schemes submitted by District Committees through Provincial committees, had not been scrutinised fully by the Executive Committee, the Board postponed consideration of the subject till the next meeting, so as to give time to the Executive Committee to conclude its labours. The Executive Committee will meet again to-morrow.

Among those who attended the meeting of the Board to-day were Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Dr. Kailasnath Katju, Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, Mr. G. D. Birla, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Lady Vithaldas Thackersey, Mr. Shantikumar Morarji, Mridulaben Sarabhai, Mr. Srikishnadas Jaju Raihana Tyabji, Janakidevi Bajaj.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan met Gandhiji twice to-day. He will meet Gandhiji again to-morrow. He will stay here till April 13.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, accompanied by his son, Mr. Wali Khan, in a "Redshirt" Uniform attended Gandhiji's prayer in the evening.

Gandhiji was examined by Dr. M.D.D. Gilder, to-day.

CHATTERJEE'S TALKS WITH GANDHIJI.

BOMBAY, April 4. (U.P.I.): Mr. Amritlal Chatterjee, a prominent worker of the Bengal Relief Coordination Committee and an old inmate of Sevagram, saw Gandhiji yesterday at Birla House. Mr. Chatterjee, it is stated, discussed with Mahatmaji the serious cloth shortage in Bengal and appraised him of the distressed conditions of the people after the famine.

POONA VAIDYA EXAMINE MAHATMA.

BOMBAY, April 4: Pundit Ganesh Shastri Joshi, a prominent Vaidya of Poona, examined Gandhiji yesterday. Shastriji, it is learnt, has given some medicine to be applied for heat irruption.

DR. MAHMUD ON FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

BOMBAY, April 4: Replying to a "United Press" representative at the Birla House about the San Francisco Conference, Dr. Syed Mahamud said: "I do not think of the Conference. Therefore I have no opinion to offer. If anything, at all, it may lay the foundation of World War number three".

When asked about his opinion on the speculation about Lord Wavell's visit to London, Dr. Mahamud said: "I prefer to keep silent as there is nothing to say."

Congress Puts Up Songaonke

MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION FROM WARD NO. 11

Mr. S. K. Patil writes that for the Municipal by-election in Masgaon and Tarwadi (Ward No. 11) constituency caused by the resignation of Mr. G. C. Joshi, the Congress has nominated Mr. S. G. Songaonkar as the official Congress candidate. In case of contest, the poll will take place on Tuesday, the 17th April. The voters in this constituency are hereby requested to cast their votes in favour of Mr. Songaonkar thereby assuring success of the Congress.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York, April 4.

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New York, April 4.

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India May Apply To World Assembly For Change Of Status

'Frisco Conference To Consider U. S. State Dept. Plan For Trusteeship Of Colonies

NEW YORK, April 4. (U.P.A.): Plans for captured Axis territory and former mandated territory as well as colonies are on the agenda for the San Francisco Conference "and must somehow be dealt with," declares Arthur Krock, Washington Correspondent for the "New York Times," discussing the San Francisco Conference.

Krock said the State Department's trusteeship plan, credited to Leo T. Pasvolsky, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, will be proposed for adoption at the Conference.

The plan would provide special machinery to safeguard the Atlantic Charter, pledge for no aggrandizement after the war and will aid peoples "forcibly deprived" of self-government to retain their independence.

The War and Navy Departments are opposed to the plan since they want possession of strategic bases formerly held by the Japanese.

The plan may "stimulate the native peoples of Hong Kong, Indo-China, India and Africa to apply to the Assembly for immediate transfer from their colonial status".

The Pasvolsky formula is "having hard sledding both at home and abroad...nevertheless it is the prevailing feeling in Washington that the subject should remain on the San Francisco agenda," Arthur Krock said.

French Reluctance

The United Press of America adds: Belief that the San Francisco Conference may be postponed, or even cancelled, has been growing among French Government quarters during the past week. It would cause no surprise if M. Bidault and the remainder of the French Delegation may never leave Paris.

The fact that the French language has been omitted as one of the official languages at San Francisco has aroused real resentment. France, whose sympathies lean strongly towards the Lublin Committee, feels it would be placed in an embarrassing position *vis-a-vis* the "Big Three" if the question of admission for the Lublin Poles becomes a real issue.

British Reaction

The American announcement that the United States is not seeking additional votes in the World Assembly has been received noncommittally by British official quarters.

The British hold the view that this is an entirely American domestic political matter and point out that Britain promised to support the American claim for three members if the claim was put forward at San Francisco.

The first reaction in London was that President Roosevelt's decision eased the difficult American domestic situation and at the same time tossed the ball straight to Moscow.

"Big Three" To Meet Within 10 Days!

Reports that the "Big Three" may hold a new conference prior to the San Francisco parleys were given additional credence to-day when a reliable informant told the "United Press of America" that actual plans for the new meeting are being discussed at the Foreign Office. It is assumed the new session would start within 10 days or so.

"Scepticism Surrounds Frisco," Says "Mail"

LONDON, April 4. (A.P.A.): The "Daily Mail" to-day joined the ranks of those London newspapers editorially demanding postponement of the San Francisco conference. With the headline "San Francisco" the "Daily Mail" asserted that the forthcoming conference is "already surrounded by scepticism".

The paper commented on the possibility of a lack of Russian co-operation; and added: "It is as hopeless to expect San Francisco to succeed without the wholehearted co-operation of Russia as it is to imagine that the old League of Nations can be effective in the absence of the United States."

Commonwealth Conference Will Not Create United Front

London Authoritative Circles Dismiss Suggestion: Talks Will Only Promote Mutual Understanding

LONDON, April 3. (Reuter): Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes: The British Commonwealth conference which opens in London tomorrow to exchange views on the forthcoming San Francisco conference is neither an attempt to impose a common policy upon individual Commonwealth representatives nor a priliminary to an attempt to impose their joint policy upon any other nation, it is emphasised in official British quarters here today.

The view expressed in some overseas quarters that it represents a "ganging up" of empire interests with a view to the formation of a bloc is officially dismissed a total misinterpretation of the spirit and the aims of discussions.

Far from representing any new departure in the face of the coming conference at San Francisco, they are seen as an extension of the normal Commonwealth practice of maximum consultation on the questions of mutual interest.

It is understood that during the early stages of the present conversations the Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden will take the opportunity of the simultaneous presence in London of the Commonwealth delegates to give a general review the international developments since the Dominions Prime Ministers conference.

It is not expected that there will be any published conclusions to the Commonwealth discussions which are purely informal and exploratory.

It is officially emphasised that just as the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and the 'Big Three' discussions at Yalta only represent a basis for discussion at San Francisco and not final decisions, so the Commonwealth Conference is not concerned with proposing in advance cut and dried decisions but merely to afford an opportunity for individual members of the Commonwealth to clear up wherever possable outstanding questions before the United Nations meeting takes place.

Authoritative circles today said that the aim of the conference, so far as Britain was concerned, was "to reach the maximum degree of unanimity between the family of nations while leaving individual members full freedom to preserve their own identity and their own viewpoint on matters of special interest to them."

They dismissed the suggestion that the London meeting might be aimed at creating a united front against any nation or combination of nations, declaring that this was as ridiculous as to accuse representatives of the Pan-American discussions recently held in Mexico of "ganging up" before San Francisco with conspiratorial intent.

The only absentee from the British Commonwealth at the London talks will be Eire since, not being a United Nation she does not qualify for membership of the San Francisco Conference.

Mr. Edward Stettinius, to-day which followed a "Big Four" envoys' conference the British Ambassador Lord Halifax said, "This leaves out of consideration the fact that the Dominions are independent of us in voting as we are of them. Any allegation to the contrary is strongly resented by all".

This statement is evidently intended to correct the widely held impression in the United States that the six votes of the British Commonwealth in the proposed League of Nations will be controlled by the United Kingdoms.

India's Hands Unfettered, Says Krishnamachari

LONDON, April 4. (U.P.A.): Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, one of the three delegates to the San Francisco Conference who arrived in London last night, has issued, in his personal capacity, the following statement:

"India attends the San Francisco Conference as a member of the United Nations. The delegation goes with unfettered hands. It does not receive any instructions as regards the attitude it ought to adopt over individual questions. India is confident that in the future world Security Organisation, it will have a place commensurate with the great part it has played and is playing in the present war".

U. S. EDITORS LEAVE FOR INDIA

Spend Six Days In Chungking Visiting Newspaper Organisations

CHUNGKING, April 3 (Reuter): Wilbur Forrest and Ralph McGill, members of the Committee appointed by the American Society of Newspaper Editors to promote freedom of news, left for India today after a six days visit to Chungking where they called on newspaper organisations and Government offices.

Yesterday they met Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Doctor Carl Ackerman. A third member of the mission is remaining in Chungking for another week.

Assurances of greater freedom from censorship immediately after the war were given to the visitors by responsible officials who stated that the present restrictions were emergency measures only.

New Chief Secretary To Sind Government

KARACHI, April 4 (A.P.I.)—Mr. G. W. McElhinny, Secretary, General Department, Government of Bombay, has been appointed Chief Secretary to the Government of Sind.

Mr. S. Ridley, the present Chief Secretary, will succeed Mr. Le Mesurier as Secretary of the Post-War Development Department.

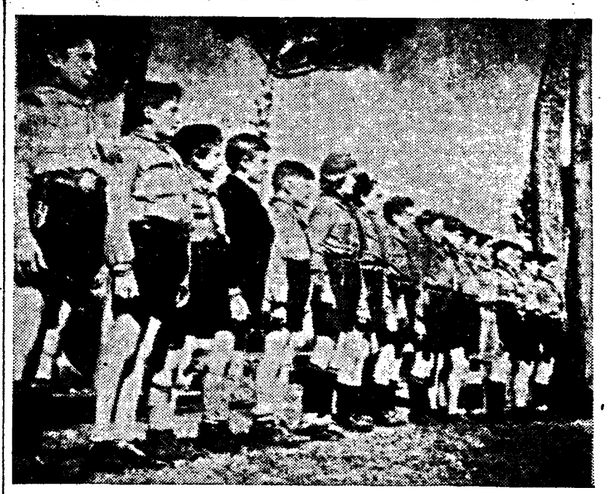
5 OUTLAWS SURRENDER

(From Our Correspondent)

JAMNAGAR, April 3.

Aba Hassam and four other outlaws today surrendered before His Highness. The total of those who have surrendered so far is more than twenty now. All military and police forces have been withdrawn.

ROME AGAIN HAS BOY SCOUTS



Suppressed 17 years ago by the Fascists, the Boy Scout Organisation in Rome has been revived with the help of Allied personnel who were formerly scouts. Photo shows some of the 1,500 youths who attended the first rally on February 20 on the estate of Prince Doria Pamphile, Mayor of Rome.

"Big Three" To Meet Prior To 'Frisco?

Move To Straighten Out Polish Issue

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 3.

Indications are hardening the diplomatic circles that the "Big Three" if not the "Big Five" will meet prior to San Francisco. It is pointed out much depends on the war's progress. If end comes suddenly, say, within the next 14 days immediate consultations with the heads of the three Powers might be necessary. It is believed some circles attach importance to the Polish issue, such as Mr Churchill may ask M. Stalin to call another meeting to straighten out the matter. In an editorial the "News Chronicle" urges postponement of San Francisco, on the following grounds, viz., firstly, voting formula is unacceptable to smaller nations; the Conference is likely to open in an atmosphere of thinly-veiled discord; secondly, till the Polish Question is settled the "Big Three" themselves are divided on the fundamental sssues, thirdly Russia's decision not to send to the Conference any of her front-rank statesmen shows it would be a premature attempt to make binding agreements now; finally, at the end of April eyes of the Western World won't be towards San Francisco, but towards Europe. "If postponement is not possible, let's facts squarely, and agree that this meeting shall purely be exploratory, to be followed by something more purposeful when the "Big Three" have all their eyes on the job.

Assembly Questions

INDIAN LABOUR IN EMPIRE COUNTRIES

No Issue Of Blue Print Yet Says Dr. Khare

NEW DELHI, April 4 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Abdul Quyam asked in the Assembly today whether there were only two copies of the registered list of voters for the Central Assembly available to the Bombay public. The Law Member, Sir Asoka Roy, in a written reply said that in accordance with the Legislative Assembly, Bombay Electoral Regulations, publication was effected at the headquarters office of the Returning Officer where seven copies were available and at the Headquarters office of the Municipality where one copy was available. The public referred freely to the available copies and there was nothing to suggest that any difficulty arose.

In reply to further questions, the Law Member laid on the table a report made by the Returning Officer who denied that a large number of names had been left out from the electoral roll. The officer declared that every care was taken to include all legitimate names at the time of the preparation of the rolls.

NO BLUE PRINT YET

Dr. N. B. Khare in reply to Prof. Ranga said the Government were aware of the grievances of Indian labour employed in the various Empire countries in the East and would see that satisfactory conditions of employment were assured before emigration of Indian Labour was allowed to those areas. The conditions under which emigration would be permitted had to be determined in respect of each country with special reference to local conditions and might have to be settled by negotiation. It was not, therefore, proposed to issue at present any blue print detailing the conditions under which such emigration would be permitted.

The Government, Dr. Khare added, would take into consideration the views of all representative bodies interested in the welfare of Indian labour before coming to any final decision. They have already had consultation with the representatives of Indian labour in Burma.

Federation Of Communities

Annamalai Vice-Chancellor's Way Out

MADRAS, April 4. (A. P. I.): Mr. M. Ruthnaswami, Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University and President of the Indian Catholic Christian Association, has presented a new constitutional plan as a solution for the political problem of India in his address to the Madras Institute of Public Administration. He favours a federation of peoples and communities as distinct from provinces and states with equality of places for the Hindus, the Muslims and the other minorities, in the lower federal house, judiciary and important federal administrative services. He wants that the residuary powers should be with the provinces and the states and the Federal Government should be endowed only with as much authority as was necessary for keeping the country together and for the administration of central subjects.

As regards the provinces. Mr. Ruthnaswami suggests that in Bengal and the Punjab the principle of equality should be applied as regards representation to both the Hindus and Muslims and in other provinces where one or the other community predominates the respective representation should be in accordance with the population ratio. The Indian states should have equal representation in the upper federal house.

Mr. Ruthnaswamy also suggests a declaration of fundamental rights and prefers elected executives both in the centre and the provinces based on the Swiss model, holding office for a specific period.

WHY WAIT TILL END OF WAR?

Plea For Fresh Proposals From H. M. G.

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter): The conviction "that the moment is propitious for fresh proposals to be made by His Majesty's Government to break the political deadlock in India" is expressed in a letter to the "Times" to-day from E. Dorothea Layton and Mabel Hartog, writing as officers of the Women's Advisory Council on Indian affairs.

Both writers refer to hopeful implications of the Congress assumption of office in the Frontier Province and Assam and the possibility of reconstruction of the Viceroy's council and say "co-operative work during the last stages of the war would help remove the present feelings of frustration and bitterness—spread as never before throughout India, as we have heard from many sources. To wait till the war is over is surely a counsel of despair".

Inquiry Into Working Of Stock Exchanges

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 4.

It is reliably learnt that after questionnaire about the working of Stock Exchanges, Government of India have appointed one more officer of Finance Department under Dr. P. J. Thomas to whom the whole inquiry has been entrusted.

He is now going to Bombay and after enquiry there, he will come here to get full information about the working of the local share bazar within fortnight.

It is felt some legislation may be undertaken to unify practices and regulations of Stock Exchange in India. It is also stressed that banks will have to play increasing part in Stock Exchange activities though not directly.

Discrimination In Glasgow Cafes

Licence Issued For Meals To Indians And Arabs Only

LONDON, April 4. (U.P.A.): Resentment has been caused among Indian restaurant proprietors throughout Britain for the order issued by the Glasgow Food Office under the licensing of the Establishments Act. According to this order one public restaurant owner has been issued a catering licence with the condition that he supplies meals only to Indians and Arabs. The order obviously favours racial discrimination and segregation, and Indian caterers are wondering whether they would have to display notices at entrances to their restaurants saying "Englishmen and Europeans Barred".

Vigorous protests have been made to Colonel Llewellin, British Food Minister, but so far the order has not been withdrawn.

INDIA INTERESTED IN PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Kunzru Pleads For Better Trade Relations With Canada

WINNIPEG (Canada) April 4 (A.P.A)—Pandit H. N. Kunzru, in an interview with the "United Press of America", foresaw an extensive post-war appeal from India to Canada for goods and technical experts.

In the course of the interview, Pandit Kunzru outlined the Bombay Plan and said, "India is predominantly an agricultural country and in order to balance our economy we will have to put as much as 35 per cent of our populations into industrial pursuits. There will be a tremendous need for ships, locomotives and small agricultural implements but there is no reason why our relations should be confined to Britain and the United States. Australia already has a High Commissioner in India and we have one in Australia; for this reason we know what Australia can supply us in the way of trade, but we do not have the same information regarding Canada and other Dominions."

In the International field, Pt. Kunzru saw India and Australia forming the base of a large Pacific triangle with Japan at the peak.

He said, "Although India is not in the Pacific, she controls westward expansion from the Pacific and from her safe position can exert influence on Pacific affairs."

Pt. Kunzru said for this reason India took an interested part in the Pacific Relations Conference, and added that India's role in the future will be much greater, but to achieve it properly, India must have independence to work out her problems.

He called the Cripps plan "no plan at all," citing the proposal that Indian States should be free to join the proposed Dominion or not. "Such a plan would break up India rather than unify her," he said.

Seyss-Inquart Flees To Austria

LONDON, April 4 (U. P. A.): Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Reich's Gauleiter in Holland, has fled to Austria with nine million guilders looted from an Amsterdam bank, according to Dutch reports.

Seyss-Inquart, whose economic oppression left Holland a nation of people dying of starvation, barely escaped with his life as repeated attempts were made to assassinate him.

QUAKE SHOCK FELT AT SHILLONG

SHILLONG, April 3. (A. P. I.): A mild earthquake shock was felt here to-day at 2-40 p.m.

No World Security With India Under Br. Dictatorship

J. J. Singh Puts Forth "Better" Plan Than Cripps' Offer For Solution Of Indian Deadlock

NEW YORK, April 3. (A.P.A.) "No organization set up at San Francisco can succeed if a British dictatorship continues in India", Sardar J. J. Singh declared in an article in "India To-day", the monthly publication of the India League in America.

"It is imperative therefore that India be considered at San Francisco", Singh said.

The Indian problem has been represented as insoluble, Singh added. Here is a plan that should be acceptable to all parties:

(1) All political prisoners to be released immediately;

(2) A democratically chosen constitutional convention to be held representing all groups in India;

(3) The convention to meet within three months after the release of prisoners;

(4) The convention to prepare the future constitution for India within six months;

(5) Any convention disagreement to be referred to a United Nations Arbitration Board;

(6) The United Nations arbitration decision to be given within six months;

(7) The British Government to declare that it will act in accordance with the constitution;

(8) The British Government to "declare further that one year after the cessation of hostilities it will transfer all power to the Indian Government set up under the new constitution";

(9) Agreement to be signed between the Indian and British Governments covering financial and commercial interests in India—any disagreements to be referred to United Nations arbitration.

(10) As soon as the new Indian Government is established, the British Government should invite it to join the British Commonwealth as a free and equal partner.

AVOIDING CRIPPS' MISTAKES

Meantime Singh suggested that the Viceroy should invite the chief political parties to join the Executive Council which should be wholly Indian, while war matters may be referred to a joint Council of the United States, British and Chinese Generals.

Singh claimed that his proposal avoided the "mistakes" of the Cripps proposal.

What is a Reasonable Standard of Living?
WHILE economists make complicated calculations and earnestly debate the distribution of our national wealth, the average "man-in-the-street" knows that a reasonable standard of living is but a relative term. To be reasonable his standard of living must embrace an ability to enjoy a great many of the comforts and conveniences which hitherto have not been counted as necessities, and must enable him to live amongst his neighbours with dignity and self-respect.
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"Big Four" Envoys In U. S. Confer.

Lord Halifax Corrects Impression About Voting On Proposed League Of Nations

WASHINGTON, April 3. (Reuter): After his talk with the United States Secretary of State

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CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

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Sunrise: 7-30 a.m. Sunset: 7-53 p.m.
Hightide: 4-42, 18-30.
Lowtide: 11-06 24-38.

To-day's Engagements

A. I. S. A. KHADI BHANDARS: Following Khadi Bhandars will remain closed to-day, April 5. A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar 390, Kalbadevi Road; A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, Bhandarkar Road, Matunga, (G. I. P.); A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, D'Silva Road, Dadar, (B. B.); Khadi Printing & Dyeing Works Khadi Shop, 95A, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaon.

BIHAR ASSOCIATION: Monthly social gathering to-day, at 7 p.m., at the Podar College of Commerce, near Matunga (G. I. P.) Station. Dr. Syed Mahmud to preside.

FREEDOM GROUP: Sjt. Jajuji, Secretary, All-India Spinners' Association, will give a talk on "Khadi and Gram Udyog" to-day, at 6-30 p.m., at the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate.

SILVER FISH: Miss Amy L. Scheeffer will speak on the "Press and News Magazines of U. S. A." to-day, at 6-15 p.m. Mr. H. R. Stimson will preside.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Beginners Class for Ladies, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day, at 5-0 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE: By Mr. R. N. Banaji on "Intrinsic Science and Philosophy of Sudreh and Kusti" to-day, at 6-15 p.m., at Alexandra Girls' School, Waudby Road opp. Queen's Statue.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS: The health returns of Bombay during the week ended March 31, 1945 were as under:—The mortality 808 was 86 more than that for the last week and the death-rate registered was 28.1 on the census population of 1941 and compares favourably with that for the 13th week of 1944 viz. 926 deaths and 32.3 the death-rate. The average mortality for the corresponding week during the preceding quinquennium was 630 and the death-rate 23.0. Out of the total deaths, 186 were among infants under 1 year of age.

EXPLOSION COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS.

Those who wish to apply for revision of cases already decided under the Bombay Explosion Compensation Ordinance, with a view to taking advantage of the Government of India's ex-gratia payment scheme must file their applications not later than April 30. The printed forms for such applications will be supplied to claimants by the Senior Claims Commissioner, Rao Bahadur R. B. Patel, Bombay.

Potatoes At 2 Annas A Lb.

Potatoes from Nasik and Poona will be available at Government Grain Shops in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District at the reduced rate of 2 As. a lb. from Thursday(April 5.

Vermit

'Vermit' is a new insecticide lately put up in local markets. It is claimed for it that it kills "cockroaches, bugs, mosquitoes, ants, flies, moths and all other insects", and "is recommended by scientific authorities .It is manufactured by The Vermit Co. (India)."

Piano Recital At Regal

Contardo Bonicelli, a noted Italian pianist is giving a recital at 6-30 p.m. on April 19 at the Regal Theatre.

The recital will be in aid of the Indian Red Cross Fund and will be given under the patronage of the Governor of Bombay.

Sgr. Bonicelli studied at the Conservatoire of Milan and is founder and director of the Musical University of Italy. He is a player of profound versatility, variety of tone and perfect style in his interpretation of varied music, especially noticeable in the music of Bach and Beethoven. The programme for the recital includes Mendelssohn, Bach, Chopin and Beethoven. Tickets can be had at Rose and Company.

Purchase Licenses To Medical Practitioners

The Managing Committee of the Bombay Medical Union passed the following resolution at its meeting held on Tuesday, April 3—

The Bombay Medical Union invites the attention of the Government of India to their persistent refusal to grant the repeated requests of the entire medical profession of India to exempt them from taking out a Purchase License as per the Drug Control Order of 1943 and request the Government to reconsider their decision and grant the exemption under Section 18 of the above order.

Commerce College For Nagpur

Mr. S. N. Agarwal, General Secretary, Marwadi Education Society and the Principal of Seksaria College of Commerce, Wardha, has made the following announcement:

It has been finally decided by the Foundation Society to start a Commerce College at Nagpur from July, 1945. We shall begin with only the First Year Intermediate Commerce class. Gradually the institution will develop into fullfledged Degree College. The College will be housed in Dr. Barlingay's bungalow at Dharampeth.

Application for affiliation to the Nagpur University has already been made. We are confident that the College will be duly affiliated to the University.

All applications for admission to the College should, for the present, be addressed to the Principal, Govindram Seksaria College of Commerce, Wardha. Printed application forms and prospectus of the College will be sent on receiving 9 pies stamps. The last date for receiving applications for admission is June 15.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, April 5.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Mohammad Rafi. 8-45 Ranjit Roy's Orchestra. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 Tomorrow. 9-15 Pramila Bai. 9-30 Sitar. 9-45 Bhavgeet.

12-30 p.m. Songs (H). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Music from Film. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 2-30 For Women (M). 4-20 Khayal. 4-50 Dilruba: Kafi. 5-0 Music Uddha Samalochan (M). 5-15 Rambhar Ashtekar. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Local. 6-0 Children's Half-Hour (H). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (M). 6-50 Bhajan. 7-0 Udhhottar Prashno (G). 7-15 Master Baswaraj. 8-0 Mohammad Rafi. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Pramila Bai. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Sports Review (E). 10-0 Arthur D'Silva and Test Band.

National Week Celebrations

Flag Salutations In City And Suburbs

Mr. S. K. Patil has issued the following Congress Programme for the first day of the "National Week" to-morrow, Friday.

At 8 a.m. there will be hoisting of National Flag on houses and residences.

At 9 a.m. sharp, there will be Flag Salutation in 42 places, including 7 District Congress Committees and 34 Taluka Congress Committees. The following are the main Flag Salutation functions in various Wards in the City.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan will unfurl the Flag and deliver the message of the National Week at Sicca Nagar, Vithalbhai Patel Road,

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will perform the Flag Salutation ceremony in the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition compound at Napoo Gardens, Matunga.

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh at Bhangwadi, Kalbadevi Road.

Shri. Gangadharrao Deshpande at Om Samarth Vyayam Shala, Dadar.

Shri. Gulzalilal Nanda at Gnodapdeo near the "E" Ward District Congress Committee's Office.

Shri M. Y. Nurie in the "A" Ward D. C. C. Office at King Lane Corner, Bora Bazar Street.

Shri Mangaldas M. Pakvasa in "B" Ward.

To-morrow, Friday, being the first day of the National week, the following Taluka Congress Samitees will have the Flag Salutations at following places:

Tardeo Taluka Congress Samitee at East and West Villa, Shanker Shet Road, Grant Road.

Khetwadi T.C.S. at Bori's Chawl, opp. Novelty Cinema, Grant Road.

Girgaum T.C.S., at Pandurang Wadi, Girgaum Road.

Mahalakshmi T.C.S., at Tardeo Vyayam Shala, Arthur Road.

Valkeshwar T.C.S., at Marina Modern School, French Road, Chaupatty.

Those who desire to send their yarn for the Exhibition should send it to the office of the Girgaum D. C. C. at Balchandra Buildings, 78 Sleater Road, Grant Road, on or before Thursday April 5.

Programme For Khar

Friday, April 6—7-30 to 8 a. m. Prayer. 8 to 8-15 a. m. Flag Salutation ceremony. 8-15 to 9 a. m. Spinning.

Saturday, April 7—24 hours nonstop spinning at Laxminagar Hall. Hindustani Prachar Day. Elocution Competition in Hindustani etc.

Sunday, April 8—Harijan Day—Mass contact and Village Cleansing at Kherwadi.

Monday April 9—Students Day.

Tuesday April 10—Rashtriya Seva Dal programmes.

Wednesday April 11—Women's Day. Ladies meeting at Laxminagar Hall in the evening.

Thursday April 12—Gumasta and Domestic Servants' Day.

Friday April 13—Workers' Day.

Village Industries Exhibitions At Khar And Vile Parle

Under the joint auspices of Gramodyoga Samiti and Rastra Seva Dal, B. S. District, Village Industries Exhibitions will be held at Bandra and Vile Parle from April 5 to April 13.

Shri Shrikrishnadas Jaju, Secretary, All-India Spinners' Association, will open the exhibition at Bandra, at 8-30 a. m. on Thursday April 5, in the Municipal School Hall, Waterfield Road. Shri B. G. Kher will preside. The exhibition will remain open from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. every day.

Shri G. V. Mavlankar has kindly consented to open the exhibition at Vile Parle at 9 p. m. on Thursday, April 5 in Mor Bunglow (Pupil's Own School) near Vile Parle Station.

The exhibition at Vile Parle will remain open from 8-30 a. m. to 10-30 a. m. and from 4-30 p. m. to 9 p. m. every day.

Not Entitled To Draw Their Salaries

Bengal Assembly Speakers And Council Presidents

CALCUTTA, April 4 (A.P.I.)—As the result of the application of Section 93 of the Government of India Act 1935 to the province of Bengal, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Bengal Legislative Assembly and the President and the Deputy President of the Bengal Legislative Council will, it is learnt, not be entitled to draw their salaries with effect from March 31, 1945.

This situation has arisen because of the fact that no Executive order has so far been passed, authorising payment of such salaries as was done in March 1943 when the Constitution was suspended in the Province in similar circumstances.

SON OF FORMER SLAVE ELECTED TO STATE LEGISLATURE IN U.S. William Anderson, elected November 7, 1944, to the House of Representatives of the eastern U. S. state of Vermont, is shown at his seat in the Legislature. The son of a former slave, Mr. Anderson helped to establish a course of military training and a flying school at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in the southern U. S. state of Alabama. He owns one of the largest orchards in Vermont.

Founder Of Bombay's Political Life

Committee Appointed To Celebrate Pherozeshah Mehta Centenary

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Glowing tributes to the memory of the late Sir Pherozeshah Mehta were paid by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay at a meeting this evening at the Corporation Hall. The meeting was convened to organise the centenary celebrations of Sir Phirozeshah Mehta.

The Mayor who presided said that Sir Pherozeshah was the founder of the city's political life. He was an inspiring personality and the centenary celebration must be observed in a befitting manner.

Dr. Jos Alban D'Souza, Mayor designate moved the resolution appointing the personnel of the celebration committee with powers to co-opt and raise funds. The following were elected:—

President, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Chairman:—Dr. Jos Alban D'Souza, Vice-Chairman:—Mr. Mangaldas M. Pakvasa, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Mr. V. D. Savarkar, Sir Homi Modi, Sir Francis Low, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. S. A. Brelvi.

SILAM ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Municipal Standing Committee Chief On Tasks Ahead

Mr. S. L. Silam was unanimously elected Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation on Wednesday.

Mr. Vasantram Jamiatram presided and announced that since Mr. Silam was the only candidate he would declare Mr. Silam elected to the Chair for the ensuing year. Mr. Silam then took the Chair and in thanking the members for electing him to the Chair, said:

As Members of the Standing Committee we shall be responsible, next to the Commissioner, for the financial affairs of the Corporation. It is a joint and several responsibility. With the growing civic sense the demands from the public for amenities are increasing and we have necessarily to meet them to the extent permitted by our finances if we have to remain true to our motto. I am not a pessimist and I do not want you to take any such view of our affairs. At the outset I may, however, be permitted to give a note of caution. During the year certainly I expect cessation of hostilities. With that much coveted event coming up there may be some confusion in the beginning. At this stage we will have to be very careful in our affairs. Then again the talk of Greater Bombay may materialise in the current year in which event the sphere of activities of our Corporation will be very much widened and we will necessarily have to embark upon ambitious schemes. In these cases, we as Members of the Standing Committee will have to be careful about future planning and see that the future programme of activities does not upset our financial equilibrium. In order to maintain our motto "Urbs Prima in Indis" we should have speedy reconstruction work upon the cessation of hostilities. We should not rest content with mere paper programme, but should soon put our shoulders to the wheel to carry out the works.

Alleged Stabbing Of Wife

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Alleged to have stabbed his wife with a knife for not giving him the gold ornaments one Dhowdba Bala was placed to-day before Mr. D.S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court, by the Maharbowri Police.

The police stated that when the accused demanded the ornaments, she begged of him to wait till evening as her cousin was given charge of it. Hearing this the accused, it is reported got enraged, whipped out a knife and stabbed her at four places.

The accused pleaded guilty but stated that it was false that he struck her with a knife. He hit her with a piece of wood which had a nail fixed on it.

The Magistrate bailed out the accused.

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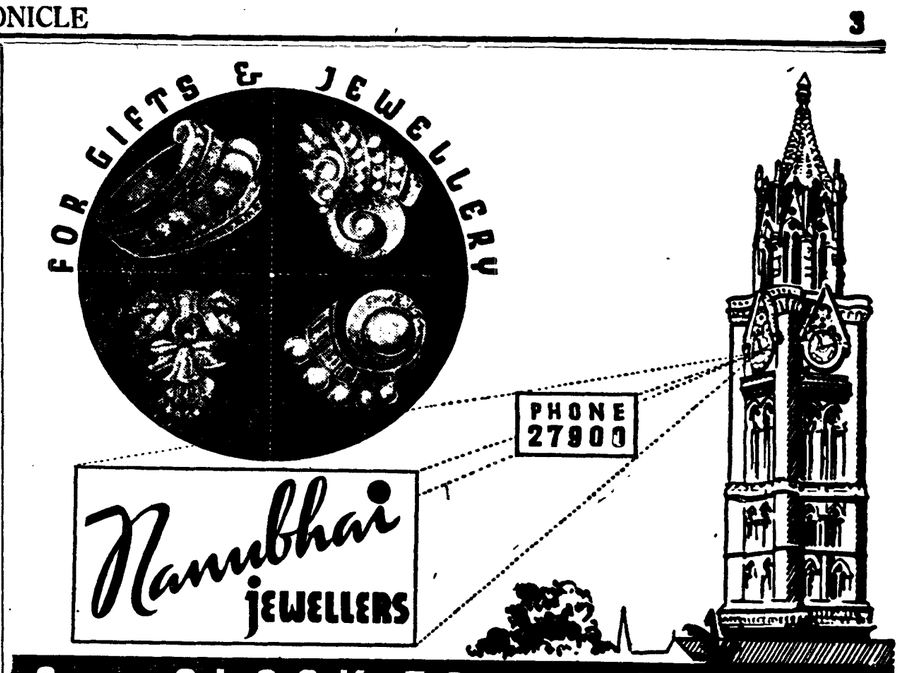

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 4. (A.P.I.)

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 a m on April 1 1945:

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Understanding of the human spirit is more difficult than the conquest of matter.

—Sir Norman Angell.

The Bombay Chronicle

PLAY FAIR

A number of independent press reports have made a simultaneous forecast that the Congress leaders still in detention will be released very soon. The circumstances in which the forecast is made and the facts cited in support of it suggest that it may not be mere wishful thinking. It may be an attempt at intelligent anticipation. Whatever it be, the public can only wait and see. The release of the leaders cannot now be long delayed. If it turns out to be more a question of days rather than weeks, all will have reason to welcome it. The universally desired political settlement will naturally have a better chance with the Congress leaders all free than if many of them were isolated in jail. The British Government has stated again and again that a settlement is delayed only by the absence of an agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League. The statement strikes any dispassionate person as a cruel joke when the accredited leaders of the Congress are carefully locked up in jail. When Gandhiji attempted negotiations with Mr. Jinnah he was twitted with being only an individual and not a representative of the Congress. And Government would not allow Gandhiji even to see the accredited leaders of the Congress. By its perverse attitude Government made itself a laughingstock before the world. If in these circumstances Government releases the leaders before the San Francisco Conference it will not be altogether surprising.

It is suspected by some that Government will again attempt to show to the world what it did at the time of the Cripps negotiations, that Congress leaders even when free, will not be able to come to an agreement with the League. We have said before that the release of Congress leaders will make such an agreement easier. It will be more accurate to say that the release will make it less difficult. At present much depends upon Government itself, which can considerably help or hinder a settlement. It can hinder, as it has hindered in the past, by pursuing its traditional policy by promising a number of interests a veto on the decision of the majority, however large, by suggesting to them: "Now or never is the time to hold out against the majority." Government can help a settlement in a variety of ways. One of these is to resume the negotiations on the Cripps offer at the point where they broke off on the question of the Viceroy's veto. The war situation has so changed that it may be easier for Congress and Government to come to an agreement on this point. Government can also help a settlement by proceeding on the lines suggested by Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan. There are several other ways in which Government can help where it now hinders. But we shall not discuss them to-day. We shall only point out at present that, if Government has the will to help, it can itself find out a number of ways to do so. We would also suggest that it will be wise for Britain to adopt a juster attitude towards India, who can no longer be coerced politically or economically. A friendly India is an asset which no country in the post-war world can afford to neglect.

Why This Treatment?

The other day there was a report that Acharya Kripalani, while being taken from Ahmednagar to Karachi, had had to endure a certain amount of pushing about by his guards at Poona. Evidently that was only the beginning of his unpleasant experiences in the journey to Karachi. Dr. Choithram Gidwani has issued a statement to the press giving some other details of the treatment meted out to Acharya Kripalani. According to this statement Mr. Kripalani was brought to Bombay in the morning and confined in the waiting room the whole day, even his request to be taken to the railway restaurant for food being refused. En route to Karachi, he was taken off without any previous warning at Mirpurkhas and driven 200 miles in a car to Karachi. His guards do not seem to have bothered about his clothes and kit which were left in the train and he could secure their consent to collect them at the Hyderabad station only after he had threatened to get out of the car. This behaviour of the escorting police officers in the Linlithgow-Maxwell-Tottenham spirit cannot be too strongly condemned. The Police officer-in-charge of Mr. Kripalani may foolishly think that he was carrying out his duties with zeal worthy of commendation. But the Government of Bombay owes an explanation to the public as to the reprehensible behaviour of its agents as reported in the Press. And why, we ask, was Acharya Kripalani sent to Karachi when he had made the U. P. his home for the last thirty years?

Frankly Speaking

End Imminent?

More signs have just appeared that the end of the war in Europe is almost imminent. There has been issued an official statement in London that British workers will be given two days' holiday when the end comes. No indication is given as to when exactly it will come but the statement is significant. There is then the usual report from Stockholm that a German Foreign Office official has contacted the British Legation for armistice conditions. Above all, the official Vatican organ the "Osservatore Romano" has passionately exhorted the Germans to lay down arms, suggesting at the same time, though indirectly, a changed regime in Germany which should request for an armistice. It is known that the Vatican has been interesting itself, whether on German initiative or not, in the problem of ending the war. Is not the Vatican paper's exhortation something more than what it appears superficially?

"Dramatic Reversal"

So far as America is concerned, President Roosevelt has cut the Gordian knot that the Big Three tied at Yalta. He has decided that the United States will not ask for additional votes in the World Security Assembly. The decision has been characterised as a "dramatic reversal" of the American position. But it is also "dramatic" in other ways. The fact that a country like the United States will have only one vote renders values and meaningless plurality of votes to be enjoyed by other Powers. We do not know how the U.S.S.R. will react to President Roosevelt's decision in respect of its own demand for three votes, since much of the point of that demand is now lost. But what about Britain? The decision exposes all the more conspicuously the so-called representation of India. It is an awkward position despite the sanctimonious Lord Halifax, who solemnly says that Britain has one and not six votes because the Dominions are independent. This noble Lord coolly forgot that India is neither a Dominion nor an Independent country.

Caroe Pulled Up

Sir Olaf Caroe, his colleagues of the Executive Council and their apologists have all been touched on the raw by the revelations about the reality in India which Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit and Dr. Hridaya Nath Kunzru have made in the United States. The pain and indignation have taken many forms of protests and counter-condemnations. But Sir Olaf Caroe beat them all when he asserted that opposition in the United States and particularly in the House Immigration Committee to Indian Immigration Legislation was inspired and sharpened by the speeches and statements of Mrs. Pandit and Dr. Kunzru. In his particular state of mind Sir Olaf Caroe could not, perhaps, realise the utter absurdity and ridiculousness of his theory. But he has been pulled up from an unexpected quarter and in unexpectedly firm language. U. S. Representative Celler, who is working for Indian immigration, characterising Sir Olaf's observations as "utterly absurd and unsupported by facts", says: "Such a statement by a responsible official of the Government of India is, to say the least, disquieting." Sir Olaf should ponder and try to understand this remark.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Babies and radios would make less noise if people left them alone.

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Some are born tired and some seem to have been born to make others tired.

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A clever girl is one who knows what you do mean when you say things you don't mean.

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Time improves everything but women; they, of course have been perfect from the beginning.

* * *

The average woman swallows flattery just as a baby swallows buttons—regardless of the trouble that may ensue.

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Man's failure in this world often may be attributed to the fact that he used blank cartridges when firing at the target of success.

U. S. MAN-POWER BILL REJECTED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 3. (Reuter): The United States Man-power Bill—an attempt to introduce war mobilisation on the British and Russian lines—was rejected by the Senate today by 46 votes to 29.

The defeat of the measure which President Roosevelt himself strongly advocated means that for the rest of the war the United States will continue with its present uncontrolled labour resources and ordinary draft methods of reinforcing the Army.

The Bill had been under discussion for many months, and a similar tough battle is likely to be the fate of the universal post-war military training measure which is due for consideration in Congress after the mid-April recess.

It is believed that President Roosevelt will send to Congress a message asking for legislation requiring every able-bodied American youth to take one year's military or naval training.

SMUTS' NARROW ESCAPE

LONDON (Wednesday) (Reuter.)—Gen. Smuts, it was revealed today, had a narrow escape from death when his plane was struck by lightning while flying from Pretoria to Kisumo on the first stage of his journey to London.

His personal pilot, Col. Piet Nel, said today that while flying through thick cloud on Saturday night a flash of lightning struck the plane. It went right through the main corridor and Gen. Smuts, who was asleep at the time, woke up abruptly. He was not shaken and soon afterwards dismissed the incident and retired again. The plane was completely out of communication for four hours but fortunately the compasses were not affected.

Col. Piet Nel added that when he inspected the aircraft at Kisumo he found that the rivets of the plane had been melted by the flash.

NAIROBI, April 4 (Reuter).—The first batch of 500 East African Askaris to come on leave from Burma arrived in Nairobi today. They were given a tremendous welcome.

INDIAN TROOPS SUFFER 150,000 CASUALTIES

NEW YORK, April 4: To date 750,000 Indian troops have fought on all fronts in this war. They have suffered over 150,000 casualties. These facts are revealed by Lieut.-Colonel James W. Bellew writing in "The Infantry Journal." "They took Damascus, defended Hongkong and Singapore to the last ditch and left their bones to bleach in the tropic heartbreak that was Burma," he writes.—Globe.

Windsor's Farewell To Houses Of Legislature

NASSAU (Wednesday), (Reuter): The Duke of Winsor who resigned the Governorship of the Bahamas and is leaving the island next month bade farewell to both the Houses of Legislature last night.

His administration, he said, had been intended to help the Bahamas to solve the problem of reconciling local inhabitants with changing conditions which the hostilities imposed.

Many members representing all shades of political thought expressed appreciation of the Duke's work, the principal theme being the Duke's unchanging interest in the under privileged.

Pre-'Frisco Meetings In London

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter): Representatives of Great Britain, the dominions and India who are in London for the pre-Sanfrancisco meetings on World Peace and Security held their first gathering in London at noon to-day.

Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, presided and India was represented by Sir Firoz Khan Noon and Sir V. T. Krishnamachariar.

To-day's proceedings were chiefly concerned with procedure, but during the next week or ten days, a number of points which have arisen since the publication of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for World Security Organisation will be discussed.

No Release Of Congress M. L. A.'s

LAHORE, April 4 (A.P.I.)—As a result of the periodical review of the cases of Congress detenus by the Punjab Government a few of them are expected to be released next month. Enquiries in official circles, however, indicate that there is no immediate likelihood of the release of Congress M.L.A's.

KHAKSARS TENDER APOLOGY

Seven Khaksars, who along with twelve others were recently arrested on a charge of setting up a Khaksar camp, tendered a written apology today when they were produced before the City Magistrate for a remand.

They gave an undertaking that they would completely dissociate themselves from the Khaksar movement in future.

The Magistrate released five of them on bail of Rs. 1,000 each and forwarded their apologies to the District Magistrate for decision. The others were remanded to police custody for another week.

'HABEAS CORPUS' PETITION TURNED DOWN

The 'habeas corpus' petition of Nitianand Vatsyayan, a security prisoner at present detained in the Lyallpur District Jail, was dismissed today by Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir of the Lahore High Court.

Colombo Strike Continues

COLOMBO, April 4. (U.P.): The strike situation remained unchanged yesterday. Anticipating further deterioration in the strike situation, Defence Regulations have been promulgated by the Governor.

The General Hospital strikers assembled outside the Hospital, but showed no signs of resuming work. Workers of the Railway Workshops assembled in the yard outside the factory, but did not join work.

In the Colombo harbour area, Communist workers who distributed leaflets urging the workers to resume work, were chased out by workers.

America's Cultural Debt To India

(By HORACE I. POLEMAN, Chief, India Section, Library of Congress, Washington)

We in America trace our cultural heritage to England, to medieval Europe, to ancient Greece and Rome. The substance and directness of our debt thus far are clear, but this is only part of the story. Our debt to the Orient is the other part, and that has been to us a closed book. Of all countries in the Orient, India occupies the position of importance as a cultural force which made itself felt to the West and to the East.

Generation after generation, American school children read with pleasure and profit the story, made famous in the West by the French author Jean de La Fontaine, of the girl with a pail of milk on her head. She, foolishly building castles in the air, spilt her precious cargo and so lost her profit. Few, if any, of these children know that this folklore motif began with the story found in the fifth book of the Panchatantra or the Brahman who broke with his cudgel the begging bowl full of grain and lost all he dreamed he would gain.

This is only one of the hundreds of stories loved by Americans which came from India via Europe long ago.

Many of Aesop's fables of the sixth century B. C. have been traced to India. In the sixth century A. D. the famous book of Indian fables, the Pehlavi. From this an Arabic version Pehlovi. From this an Arabic version was made, and from the Arabic the stories found their way to Europe. A German version, "Das Buch der Beispiele der alten Welsen", appeared in 1483. It not only deeply affected German literature but was translated into Dutch, Danish, and Icelandic. Sir Thomas North, using an Italian translation, introduced the fables to Elizabethan England. In 1678 La Fontaine published his fables, which he ascribed to Bidpai, that his Vidyapati, Master of Wisdom.

TRANSMISSION OF IDEAS

Even more important has been the transmission of ideas. The earliest Greek philosophical speculations, aside from the simple eschatology of Homer, originated with the Greeks of Asia Minor—Thales, Xonophanes, Farmenides, Zeno, and Pythogoras (sixth century B. C.), who searched for the one reality and theorized about transmigration in the same spirit as the authors of the late vedic hymns and the earlier Upanishads of Indian literature (10th to seventh centuries B. C.). There are many other meeting points between Greek and Indian philosophy. Hellenism drew particularly from Buddhist philosophical ideas, which reached their climax in Western thought in Neoplatonism.

The similarities between the lore of Buddhism and the Gospel story are too frequent and striking to go unmentioned in any study of the Bible—the Buddha's walking on the water, the prodigal son, the miraculous conception and birth, the star over the birthplace, the temptation of the Buddha by Mara (Satan), the 12 disciples. The coincidence is worth pointing out in our effort to destroy that wall of suspicion in the West which labels everything Eastern as mysterious, unrelated, queer, heathen.

As excellent account of the transfer of ideas can be found in Swami Ashokananda's "The Influence of Indian Thought on the Thought of the West", published by the Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati, Almora, U. P., in 1931.

In America the thinking of Emerson, Thoreau, and Whitman was greatly influenced by the thoughts of the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita, which were well known to them in translation. Thoreau said about his friend Emerson that "the pure Walden water is mixed with the sacred stream of the Ganges." For example, a verse found in the Gita and the Katha Upanishad was given expression to by Emerson in his poem "Brahma":

"If the red slayer thinks he slays.
Or if the slain thinks he is slain,
They know not well the subtle ways
I keep, and pass, and turn again."

Translated from the Gita (ii, 19) by Professor Franklin Edgerton, the verse reads:

"Who believes him a slayer,
And who thinks him slain.
Both these understand not;
He slays not, is not slain."

A number of years ago the writer of this article was lecturing in one of the larger American liberal arts colleges. Over tea cups a member of the English faculty remarked that he could not give a course on English literature without doing much research on references to India. He heartily wished for a comprehensive handbook on the subject of India in English and European literature. The subject is too vast to more than mention here.

The European translations of the "Arabian Nights", Chaucer, and Boccaccio contain many stories from India. Shakespeare learned from the previously mentioned Sir Thomas North the tales of the three caskets and the pound of flesh. Early travelers brought back to Europe many tales and local details of India. The first English drama on an Indian subject was Dryden's "Aurangzeb" (1675). Milton never tired of allusions to India.

ANGLO-INDIAN LITERATURE

In our own times we have seen a great Anglo-Indian literature spring up. It is a study in itself. Kipling, Yeats, A. E. Russel, Sir Edwin Arnold, E. M. Forster, and F. W. Bain are among its chief exponents.

This subject has received careful treatment in "The Legacy of India" edited by G. T. Garrat, "Modern India and the West", edited by L. L. S. O'Malley, "India in English Literature", by Robert Sencourt, and "A Survey of Anglo-Indian Fiction", by Bhupal Singh.

India has, of course, borrowed from the West in modern times, not only in material development but in her literary product. Western literature for a while dominated intellectual India until a reactionary movement developing toward the end of the last century became a strong progressive force toward independent composition in the past two decades.

The "Arabian Nights" and Aesop's "Fables,", which so long ago had much of their origin in India, finally came back from Europe in the first half of the 19th century to be translated into the modern Indian vernaculars. Many translations of English and American authors have also appeared—Hawthorne, Poe, Bret Harte, and O. Henry; Shakespeare, Defoe, Shaw, Galsworthy and Barrie.

More important than translations, however, has been the borrowing of Western aesthetic principles and literary forms. Much of the early modern literature of India was inclined toward artificiality. Western short stories lyric poetry, the novel, drama, biography, the satire and the essay have injected a modern spirit which has resulted in more realistic treatment and a wider range of subject matter. In addition to the literary product in the modern languages of India, there has been, of course, extensive literature in English written by Indians. An excellent study of this appeared in 1943 in The Indian Literature Series—No. V of the P. E. N. Books, "Indo-Anglian Literature" by K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar. The cultural bond between India and the West is strong. As the ignorance of Americans about their debt to India is dispelled, appreciation and gratitude increase.—U.S.O.W.I.

CALL FOR "WEREWOLF" WORK IN RUHR

From Reuter's Continental Observer, London (Wednesday) (Reuter).—Frantic last minute efforts to turn the sealed-off Ruhr into a model area of guerilla resistance have been started by S.S. General Albert Hoffmann, Gauleiter for Southern Westphalia.

Since last night emergency orders and regulations have been poured out from the Command Radio of the District which comprises the whole eastern part of the mining area with the towns of Bochum, Dortmund and Hagen.

The Provincial Chief of the Labour Front, Kurt Sonnenscheiwn has called on workers to form a "workers' battalion" for the defence of their cities. The men in the areas already overrun are told "to go into the woods and join the 'Werewolf' freedom movement.

Swift punishment is threatened for surrender, collaboration with the Allies or sheltering German deserters.

Similar emergency orders are now apparently in preparation for other areas in the path of the Allied advance.

Stuttgart announced last night that operation of "Schwabentreue" (Swabian Loyalty) would be begun immediately for all districts on the Upper Neckar. The Gauleiter of Hanover and Brunswick, S.S. General Hartmann Leuterbacker will broadcast emergency orders today.

Evidently German leaders were caught unawares politically as well as militarily by the speed of the Allied advance and resent the easy surrender of many German towns and mass display of white flags.

Our Readers' Views

Milk Problem

To support skimmed milk powder many absurd steps have had to be taken by Government.

(1) They have suddenly sanctioned 1/2 seer (17 oz.) of milk per child irrespective of enquiry whether such a large amount was ever used by them during normal (non-scarcity) times even in the homes of the rich. This privilege can only lead to wrongful use of the children's quota by adults.

(2) Infants below six months who ought to be completely breast-fed are also permitted to take a full quota of 1/2 seer of milk.

According to municipal vital statistics there are about 25,000 such infants in the city.

(3) The ban on the sale of boiled milk is another retrograde step hygienically and unfair to the poor who are homeless. Boiled milk is safe whereas unboiled milk is dangerous to health. This ban particularly hits the poor and prevents the use of milk by them only. In the use of boiled milk India is giving a lesson to European countries.

Will the Municipal Corporation and the Government take into consideration the abovementioned defects the first two of which add to the already existing scarcity of milk.

B. V. VED, L.M.&S.

Vile Parle Municipality

Permit me to support the demand of Mr. Virchand Sheth not only on the ground of the merits of the case of the relative vote registered and brought out of Vile Parle and Andheri, but also in the interests of efficient civic administration.

It is a notorious fact that the combined Municipality has been turned into a cockpit of power politics of members from the two suburbs. Pressure groups are formed by certain well-established members and they are continuously interfering with the legitimate work of the Municipality. The result is that when the 'men from Andheri' secure a strong position with lobbying, they can get their way and discriminate on a regional basis. Thus you see mountains of refuse in one town while the refuse lorries are making frequent tripa to the other one. Local patriotism is whipped up and friction between the rival groups mounts up.

It appears that a demand was recently made for supersession of the present Municipality. But the Collector and Divisional Commissioner have their own ideas in the matter. Evidently, they do not want to take any action dictated by collective interests of the rate-payers of both Vile Parle and Andheri while the power politicians would like the election day to be put off.

The residents of both the towns have their collective, common interests and they would prefer smooth and efficient working of the administrative machinery in public interest. The first condition is elimination of the persons engaged in exploiting where it exists, and creating where it does not exist clash of interests between the two towns. Both the public and Government must end this without any further delay. Members of the Municipal Board like Mr. Virchand Sheth must bring to light all the going-on that are calculated to harm public interest and demand a thorough-going purge with suitable measures by the Government. The Divisional Commissioner should carry on an independent investigation into the affairs of the combined Municipality and publish his findings so that honest and public-spirited rate-payers could exercise their vote intelligently in the ensuing election.

A RATEPAYER.

New Colleges For Karnatak

In considering the desirability of starting a college at Bijapur, the following facts should be weighed carefully. In 1944, only about 600 candidates appeared for the Matriculation examination at Bijapur, out of whom about 250 came out successful. Ordinarily, about one-half of the successful candidates discontinue their studies, thus leaving not more than, say, 150 students who may be expected to proceed to higher studies. In 1944, the College at Bagalkot was started, and it is at present meeting the legitimate needs of the district. If, however, the University and Government affiliate the proposed college at Bijapur also, the position will be serious. The 150 students that normally proceed for higher education in the Bijapur District will be divided between the two colleges at Bagalkot and Bijapur and each will get about 75 students in First Year Arts and Science classes combined. This cannot but bring about the destruction of both colleges at no distant date. This is an important point that the enlightened people of the Bijapur District should take earnestly into consideration before they permit mere local sentiment to get the better of the real needs of the people of the district.

In 1944, about 1,000 students appeared for the Matriculation examination in Dharwar and over 1,300 students in Belgaum, out of whom 529 and 696 respectively came out successful. Besides the colleges at Dharwar and Belgaum usually get large number of students from Goa, Karwar and other coastal centres. Even so, the new college at Dharwar had less than 100 students on the roll in 1944-'45. These facts should warn the University and Government and for the time being no more colleges in Karnatak should be allowed to be started. But it would be a real blessing to the people if a Commerce College or an Agricutural College or a Medical College or an Engineering College could be started in Karnatak in the near future.

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Bagalkot.

Textile Control

Mr. S. S. Mirajkar, member of the Textile Control Board in a statement implies that the present cloth situation is due to a restricted production of the mills. Mr. Mirajkar forgets what an avid monster the black market is, and in throwing the blame on the mills he is obviously attempting to divert attention from the futility of the Textile Directorate. And one is constrained to ask what has the Textile Commissioner really done in that respect. He has set up an enormous secretariat in Bombay (I believe housed in three very large buildings crammed with clerks) with the usual array of controllers, inspectors, etc., and, on the other hand, has allowed the growth of a gigantic conspiracy floating in a sea of bribery and corruption the ramifications of which extend to far Calcutta. In the meanwhile, he regales us with high-sounding speeches, whilst there is not enough cloth to cover the dead. Yet, every sort of cloth is available in the black market in any quantity.

There is only one remedy for this disgraceful situation. Dispense with the ponderous machinery of the Textile Directorate. Cut down to the bone the secretariat. And let Government buy the cloth from the mills and sell it direct to the consumer through Government retail shops. I vouch that within a month of this all black market stock will be disgorged, and there will be a glut rather than a scarcity of cloth.

J. N. D.

Atlee To Hold Watching Brief For Burma

LONDON Wednesday: The Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Clement Atlee will hold a watching brief for Burma at the San Francisco World Security conference, Reuter's political correspondent learns.

Burma is not represented officially at the conference, but her interests will not be forgotten either at the San Francisco or the London Conference of the Empire Delegates proceeding to San Francisco and now in session.

I understand that Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for Burma, is attending some of the sessions of the London Preliminary Conference, and will hold a watching brief for Burma.

INDIAN HUME PIPE DISPUTE.

In the dispute between the Indian Hume Pipe Company Ltd. Bombay and the employees of its Factory at Wadala the Government of Bombay has appointed Mr. E. M. Nanavaty, I.C.S., (Retired) to adjudicate.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

After his talk with Mr. Edward Stettinius today, which followed a "Big Four" envoys' conference, the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax said, "This leaves out of consideration the fact that the Dominions are independent of us in voting as we are of them. Any allegation to the contrary is strongly resented by all."

This statement is evidently intended to correct the widely held impression in the United States that the six votes of the British Commonwealth in the proposed League of Nations will be controlled by the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

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According to a Delhi telegram, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru had an interview with the Viceroy, Sir John Colville.

Speculation is rife as to whether the "torpedo" (or the "flanking movement") has gone home or whether Doctor Sapru was called to explain the various disguises in which he has lately been "passing off."

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In a statement to the Press, Shamsul-Ulema Dr. Dastur M. N. Dhalla, high priest of the Parsis in Sind and Baluchistan, categorically denounces Pakistan as dangerous and disastrous to all.

Clearly the Qaid-e-Azam should now more indignantly repudiate the 40-40-20 formula.

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Asked his reaction, Sjt. Purshottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Assembly said, "I am not surprised at Mr. Jinnah's statement. It is just like him. But the public know where to place it."

Not, we trust, the W.P.B.

With this proviso we fully agree with Sjt. Tandon.

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INDIA'S NEED OF CAPITAL GOODS

Sir S. Ahmad's Plea

—Headlines.

Not, we hope, more British recruits to "the Secretary of State's Services."

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Pandit Hridaya Nath Kunzru, has stated in Canada that as members of the Viceroy's Council, the Indian delegates to San Francisco have no "moral" right to speak for the Indian people.

So what?

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Premier MacKenzie King told his House of Commons that Canada was not advised of the Yalta deal regarding voting.

"India," we are sure, was. At any rate, Sir Olaf Caroe has no complaints.

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President Roosevelt, it's officially announced, has decided that the U.S. will not request any additional votes in the World Security Assembly.

Good. But if Russia also—by any chance—waives her right, what happens to Sir Olaf Caroe's—sorry "India's" Ministerial-level delegates?

Eh? Of course, nothing will happen. We know that. We were just wishfully thinking aloud.

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An American Magazine says that the worldwide freedom of the Press is the one and only war aim which the U.S. officially and unofficially is campaigning for "regardless of whether or not the other United Nations approve it."

If this is so, the United States comes under the punitive jurisdiction of the Defence of the United Nations' world regulations, Cr. L. A. Act, Press, Emergency Act, etc.

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According to an A.P.A. message from Moscow, a Tass despatch reports renewed demonstrations in Iran following what it describes as "raids by hoodluma" against the People's Party and Trade Unions in Isfahan.

The rest of the despatch is easy to guess. Also other things.

Matric Paper In Algebra

A Correspondent writes: The paper drawn for Algebra in this year's Matriculation Exam. was too tough for students. The nature of this paper was very unusual. The 'identities' (a type of Algebric example) were given too much importance and were allotted considerable number of marks instead of distributing them equally between all types of examples.

In this connection, Mr. Prahalad Mehta of the Bombay Students' Union led a deputation to Mr. B. J. Wadia, the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University. Mr. Wadia promised to place the matter before the Syndicate. In the meantime a move is afoot to send petitions to the Vice-Chancellor with signs of students concerned from Bombay, Karachi, Ahmedabad, Surat, Baroda and other places.

Mr. Mehta also handed over to the Registrar of the University a list of books which are not available in the market, though they are prescribed for various studies. The Registrar appreciated students' difficulties in this matter and promised to move in the matter.

Dacoits Raid Police H. Q.

KARACHI, April 2 (O. P. I.): Reports have been received of an armed dacoity in Larkhana where the dacoits robbed Seth Dhanomal on the point of pistol. It is reported that the dacoits raided the District Police Headquarters also.

The monetary award granted to prisoners has been increased by the Government of Bombay, from April 1, from three pies to one annas for each day of remission of sentence earned by a prisoner.

AMERICANS INVADE SULU ARCHIPELAGO

Tokio Raided: Air Attack On Jap Industrial Targets: Indian Troops Occupy Taungup In Arakan

MANILA, April 4 (A. P. A.): Americans striking 200 miles to the southwest of Mindinao in the southern Philippines are invading the Sulu Archipelago and already have an island foothold less than 30 miles from Borneo.

The 41st division landed on Monday on Tawi Tawi, a former Japanese naval base. General MacArthur in announcing the new blow to-day declared the seizure of Tawi Tawi will 'seriously jeopardize the enemy's main landing position in the Sulu Archipelago at Jolo."

Guerrilla forces aided the landing which was made at little cost of the Americans. The islands of Sanga Sanga and Bangagao and neighbouring air-fields were seized.

The 41st division began its move towards the Sulus on February 28 when it invaded Palavan. The seizure of Zamboanga followed shortly.

Tokio Bombed

LONDON, April 4. (A. P. A.): Tokyo radio said Tokyo was raided today but claimed 'damage caused was only slight".

The broadcast also said approximately 90 "Super-Fortress" bombers hit the northern sector of Kanto and others appeared over the province of Shikoku.

"Superforts" Attack Industrial Targets

WASHINGTON, April 3 (Reuter): Industrial targets in three Japanese cities were attacked by a single large task force of "Superforts" on April 4th, (Japanese Time) the 20th Air Force announced today.

The targets were industrial plants at Shizuoka, 85 miles south-west of Tokyo, Tachkawa 20 miles west of Tokyo, Koizumi, 20 miles north of the capital. It was the first time Tachkawa and Koizumi had been raided.

Over 300 Superforts took part.

No further details were given.

"Latest Mystery Of Pacific War"

From Graham Stanford, "Daily Mail" Special Correspondent, Gaum Tuesday: (through Reuter): The wholesale surrender of Japanese civilians on Okinawa is the latest mystery of the Pacific war. Reports reaching here to-day tend to show that of all the Pacific campaigns the battle for this island is likely to be the most fantastic.

Already large numbers of Okinawans have surrendered, to the advancing marines and Japanese civilians are coming in carrying pamphlets dropped from the air in the past few days.

"JAPS HAUNTED BY GHOST OF INVASION"

LONDON, April 4. (A. P. A.): The Japanese people are being 'haunted by the ghost of invasion," a Tokyo dispatch to the German Transocean agency said to-day. The home islands have been turned into "an armed camp", the agency added.

New Landings In Arakan

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, April 4. To-day's SEAC "Communique" says:—

LAND: Fifteenth Indian Corps Front: Following a landing at Letpan, a village on the Ma-E Chaung and the Arakan coast road, on March 13, Patrols of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Philip Christison's Fifteenth Indian Corps have entered Taungup 42 miles to the south.

Fighting is still in progress against strong opposition to the north of the town.

Fourteenth Army front: Our troops are continuing to clear the roads north and north-west of the Meiktila area.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA COMMAND: 36th division troops and Chinese troops continued patrol action south-west and south of Kyaukme.

AIR: Eastern Air Command: Heavy bombers and fighter-bombers yesterday wrecked the two bypass bridges at Letpadan and the bypass at Thonze, on the Rangoon-Prome railway, and two bridges on the Burma Siam railway. The main road bridge line, was damaged and rolling stock at Taikkyi, near the Rangoon-Prome on the Burma-Siam railway and anti-aircraft positions beside the line were hit.

R.A.F. CEYLON: Heavy bombers damaged a steamer and other craft near Kisseraing island, in the Mergui Archipelago,

OKINAWA INVASION BOSS: Maj.-Gen. Roy S. Geiger Commanding Third Marine Amphibious Corps in the invasion of Okinawa.

TOKYO RADIO'S CLAIM.

LONDON, April 4. (A.P.A.): The Tokyo Radio, quoting an Imperial headquarters communique, said to-day the Japanese had sunk six transports, one battleship and four cruisers of Okinawa island.

The broadcast also claimed the Japanese had damaged one destroyer.

CANADIAN CRUISER JOINS BR. PACIFIC FLEET

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, April 4 (A. P.A.)—H.M. C.S. 'Uganda', the Royal Canadian Navy's first cruiser, has joined the British Pacific fleet, and as such is the first unit of the Canadian fighting services to enter the war in the Pacific.

MUDALIAR IN LONDON

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter).—Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, leader of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Conference now meeting in London, arrived in this country today.

COAL CRISIS MORE ACUTE

National Mine Workers' Union Chief Warns S. Wales Conference

CARDIFF, Wednesday (Reuter).—A warning that "the coal crisis is deeper and sharper now than at any time since the war" was given today by Arthur Horner in his presidential address to the annual conference of the South Wales branch of the National Mine Workers Union.

"Our manpower is not keeping pace with the wastage", he said. "In the past, we have been able to call upon our reserves of coal in stock, but the fall in production, the increased demands and the needs of the liberated countries have so reduced stocks as to leave us in considerable difficulties when we face the next winter."

NINE TENANTS TO HANG

Death Sentences Confirmed In Zamindar Murder Case

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 4.

At Allahabad High Court, Their Lordships justices Mulla and Yorke confirmed death sentences passed on nine tenants who murdered a zamindar, his 13 year-old son and his 'karinda'. Their Lordships said they had given anxious thought to the question of sentence in this case as nine persons were to be sent to the gallows and it might be suggested it might shock public conscience.

The tenants and zamindar belonged to Kiblas village, Aligarh district.

SIND GOVT. MOVE TO LIFT BAN ON CONGRESS

Restraint Orders On Several Congressmen Withdrawn

KARACHI, April 4. (A. P. I.).

The Sind Government has withdrawn the restraint orders passed on about 15 Congressmen in the Province.

The Government, it is understood, is also considering the question of lifting the ban on the Congress Committees imposed on August 8, 1942.

Gandhiji's Reply To Karachi Hindu Sabha Letter

KADACHI, April 4. (U.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi has sent the following reply to Mr. Shamdas Gidwani, President of the Karachi Hindu Sabha who had sent a telegram requesting for instructions for the local Congress members of the Assembly to accept office in coalition with the League and other parties in the larger interests of Sind:

"Dear Shamdas, I have your wire and two letter. I cannot interfere Congressmen must decide for themselves."

Total Production Of Cotton Cloth In India

NEW DELHI, April 4. (U.P.I.): During question hour in the Central Assembly to-day Sir Azizul Haque, Commerce Member, informed the House that the total production of cotton cloth in India in 1944 was approximately 6,400 million yards including the estimated production of hand-loom cloth. 500 million yards approximately were exported outside during 1944 and 70 million yards approximately were exported during January and February of this year.

Assembly Battle Over 'Safeguards'

(Continued from Page 1.)

ther with the exception of a handful of specialists and students, the vast majority in the United Kingdom or India had ever heard of them. If it was the case that those sections had been hanging round the neck of India and impeding her industrial development for a decade, that contention was not true, because the great industrial progress the country had made during the last ten years provided a complete denial of the statement that those sections hampered the development of Indian industry.

Mr. Essak Sait (Muslim League) said that he was not very happy about the time chosen for the motion, because the question of the revision of the whole constitution, to which the Muslim League was committed, was drawing near. The matter covered by the resolution was a very small one compared to the big issue at stake. However, as it had been moved, the Muslim League Party would extend their full support to it. He was glad that Mr. Manu Subedar, the mover of the resolution, have made it quite clear that his object was not to preclude a revision of the Government of India Act.

Mr. Essak Sait criticised Sir Cowasji Jehangir for stressing the words "Dominion Status" and said that Sir Cowasji might feel that Dominion Status would be a great gift to this country but the Congress and the Muslim League were not prepared even to consider the matter (hear, hear).

He felt that the greater questions which were in issue had to be tackled and said, "We will see to it that they are settled to the satisfaction of all sections of this country."

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party, asked the Leader of the European Group whether he was going to reply on the safeguards provided in the Government of India Act, behind which the only sanction was the British Army of occupation in India, or on the goodwill of the people of this country. The fact that even today the European Group was not prepared to forego all those privileges which gave them a dominant voice in industry and commerce in this country showed that there was absolutely no desire on the part of Britain, in spite of her past pronouncements to the contrary, to part with power.

The so-called equality between a British company incorporated in the United Kingdom in carrying on business in India and an Indian company incorporated in British India, he went on, was really a cleverly conceived design to kill Indian enterprise and industry. Indian industries were just beginning to rise, and they could not meet on terms of equality the well-established British industries supported by political power.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum asked whether there were in the constitution of the Self-Governing British Dominions sections similar to 111 to 121 of the Government of India Act.

The self-interest of the British community in India and their compatriots in England was so strong, he said, that in peace-time on one pretext or another, India was not allowed to have large-scale industries like chemicals, automobile factories, ship-building industries, air craft factories or even locomotives.

He reminded the European group that the world was becoming more and more interdependent and said that the type of speech delivered by their leader would not help British Industry or enterprise in India. They must give up reliance on Sections 111 to 121 of the Government of India Act, which he described as scandalous and pernicious sections and rely more and more on the goodwill and spirit of co-operation of the people of this country.

Mr. K. C. Neogy (Nationalist) said that Sir Henry Richardson's speech indicated that there had not been the slightest change in the attitude of British interests in India from the attitude taken up by their spokesman at the Round Table Conference in 1930/31, when for the first time they put forward proposals which had resulted in the "Benthall Clauses" of the Government of India Act. On that occasion Sir Edward Benthall (then Mr. Benthall) had made it quite clear that unless the rights of the British Community were protected in the most unequivocal manner, they must reserve their consent to the transfer of power.

Mr. C. P. Lawson (European Group) commended the extremely moderate manner in which the debate had proceeded. He was anxious to avoid anything which might cause heat, but it would be idle to shut their eyes to certain evidences which constantly came before them. They had seen frequent resolutions by Chambers of Commerce urging expropriation of their interests and recently in a debate on inland waterways in the House, the attitude of certain members was purely racial. He was confident of the goodwill of most of the members of the House, but in the light of such evidences of racial bias, the Britishers naturally felt they needed protection. The safeguard clause referred to did not deal merely with commercial and business matters. They included the right of acquisition of property, holding of public offices, occupation, trade, profession and so on, and the clauses had a reciprocity value. He would remind the House that those clauses applied not to the Dominions or other states but provided reciprocal treatment between Great Britain and India.

"OUR FREEDOM COMES FIRST."

Mr. N. M. Joshi said that the clauses which Mr. Manu Subedar's bill sought to remove contained so many restrictions which no free Government would support. There was no justification for these restrictions which were found upon the distrust of Britishers against Indians. He would therefore suggest to his British friends in this country and their colleagues at Home that they should shed this distrust and show their good-will towards the people of this country. The resolution, Mr. Joshi said, envisaged no discrimination against European interests. It only demanded that the Indian Legislature and the Indian Government should be free to follow whatever policy they thought best in the interest of this country. The British people must show why that freedom should not be given to the Indian Government and the Indian legislature, when they themselves admitted that the Government and Legislatures of this country must look to the interests of this country and nobody else.

The members of the European Group in opposing this resolution had not shown any argument as to why these sections should not be repealed.

Referring to Mr. Neogy's remark that the British people themselves created vested interests and discrimination, Mr. Joshi said, that they were not claiming to discriminate against the Britishers. But if Indians wanted to develop their industry and they felt that discrimination was necessary, Indians like any other people of the world were entitled to discriminate. If the British people trusted Indians, we would show our goodwill towards them, but if they continued to show their distrust, many people who had goodwill for the British people would stop showing it. "Our freedom comes first," declared Mr. Joshi, "and our goodwill to the Britishers or any other powers afterwards. They could not show their goddwill towards people who insisted upon the retention of these clauses."

Mr. Joshi warned the Planning Member against entering into a Treaty under which their freedom would be as much curtailed. The treaty should be voluntary and negotiated between two independent countries.

BHULABHAI EXPOSES EUROPEAN INTERESTS

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Opposition, said that the issue lay between the Opposition and the European vested interests in this country, as Government were remaining neutral. This was one of the most extraordinary situation which had arisen in the House during the time he had been a member.

Throughout this time, Mr. Desai said, he had not heard one word from the European group in favour of India's freedom. The European Group talked of the right of free trade and free competition in this country. For the moment undoubtedly that right had been conferred upon them by the force of British arms. Right was a creature of law, and law was a creature of the Legislature which would claim the power to make laws in the interests of India. Right was, therefore, extremely relative, and Mr. Desai wished so much emphasis had not been placed upon it.

The Leader of the European Group had said that sections 111 to 121 had done no harm to anyone, and hence they might be left alone and when the time for Dominion Legislation came, the matter could be regulated by a treaty.

Mr. Desai cited the rate war between the B.I. and P. and O. and the Scindia Steam Navigation Company to show that without the repeal of these clauses, India would not be able to progress.

It was by the exercise of brute force, the Leader of the Opposition continued, that eleven members of the European Group, representing nobody except themselves, were in the Central Assembly. It might be that the provision which were the subject of the resolution might not be released in spite of the passing of the resolution.

Mr. Desai suggested to the European Group that their distrust of Indians enshrined in these eleven sections of the Act was due to their own bad conscience. If they felt that they had done no wrong to India, they had no reason to think that Indians would discriminate against them.

There was no use planning under the present conditions, Mr. Desai proceeded. If the restrictions were to continue, the plans had better be postponed. The opposition demanded that the Government of India should be in a position to legislate in the best interest of India and if these restrictions came in their way, the House would be right in asking for the repeal of those restrictions.

Mr. Manu Subedar (Congress) replying to the debate said that the European Group which had denied fairplay for a hundred years was now appealing for fairplay.

The European Group were threatening the Planning Member and were asking, "do you want to discriminate against British Industries?" They were, in fact, inciting us so that we might say "Yes." Mr. Manu Subedar maintained that there was no desire to discriminate against any legitimate interests in this country.

The resolution was carried without a division.

Short Notice Question Not Accepted

NEW DELHI, April 4. (U.P.I.): The "United Press" Lobby Correspondent learns that the Government Member-in-Charge has refused to accept the short notice question by Mr. G. V. Deshmukh on the Ashti and Chimur prisoners.

Mr. Deshmukh sought to elicit the following information:—

(1) Whether the Government received any application on behalf of the Chimur and Ashti prisoners for mercy consideration by the Governor-General-in-Council; and, if so, whether the Government would stay the execution pending the disposal of the application.

(2) Whether the execution is to take place on the plea that the Governor-General in his discretion rejected the mercy petition.

Motion On Phillips' Report Disallowed

NEW DELHI, April 4 (A.P.I.): The Governor-General has disallowed Mr. A. S. N. Moorty's question whether Mr. William Phillips' report on India was published in America and whether this report was banned in India.

Assembly Questions

"STATESMAN" & ANGLO-INDIAN GIRL

No Prosecution Of Editor And Publisher

NEW DELHI, April 3. (A. P. I.): Mr. Sriprakasa asked in the Assembly today a number of questions about the letter published by the "Statesman" from an Anglo-India girl.

He asked whether the newspaper had not published further articles on the same subject after the External Affairs Secretary's reply to a question in this connection on March 7.

Sir Olaf Caroe, in a written reply: Yes.

Q. Have Government had any other occasion of charging the said paper with indulging in irresponsible journalism expressly designed to create illwill against the soldiers of their American allies?"

Ans. No.

Q. Has the External Affairs Secretary brought the matter to the notice of the American authorities, and if not, will he please consider the desirability of doing so?

Ans. The American authorities are already aware of the publication of this letter and the connected articles.

Q. Do Government propose to prosecute the editor and publisher of the "Statesman" for the articles in question?

Ans. No.

RELEASE INDIAN LEADERS

Prominent Br. Women Appeal To Churchill, Amery And Wavell, To End Deadlock

LONDON, Wednesday, (Reuter): Ninety-nine well-known British women have signed the following appeal which has been sent to the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill, the Secretary for India Mr. Amery and Lord Wavell:

"The political deadlock in India and the continued imprisonment of many of its national leaders assume added significance in the light of the developments in the Far East and the coming conference at San Francisco At the opening session of the British Commonwealth Relations Conference recently held in London the anomalous position of India was stressed by the leader of the Indian delegation Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan.

"Information has come from the All-India Women's Conference that serves to show how intensely Indian women feel about the present position and their growing apprehension for the future. At a time when plans are being made for the post-war world we share the Indian women's concern that their trusted leaders should take their rightful place in national and international affairs.

"We, therefore, make an earnest appeal to His Majesty's Government to release these prisoners without delay, so that free consultation can take place between the leaders of Indian opinion in their effort to find a solution of the political deadlock."

Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Chairman of the Liaison Group of British Women's Societies that work in co-operation with the All-India Women's Conference, heads the list of signatories, which includes Dr. Margaret Balfour, Margaret Bonfield, Vera Brittain, Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, Margerey Fry, Dame Katherine Furse, Agatha Harrison, Storm Jameson, Ethel Manin, Clare Sheridan, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Member of Parliament, Dame Sybil Thorndike, and Lady Ethel Unwin.

38 POLITICALS DIE IN JAILS

Orissa Ex-Premier Contradicts Govt. Spokesman's Statement

CUTTACK, April 3 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Biswanath Das, ex-Premier of Orissa, says that the statement made by a Government spokesman recently that 30 political prisoners died in the Koraput jail between August 1, 1942, and December 1, 1944, is incorrect.

He asserts that the number of political prisoners who died in the jail was 38. Besides these, four other prisoners discharged from the jail were in such a weak and sick state of health that they died on their way home.

OPPOSITION MOVE AGAINST INDIANS IN UNION PARLIAMENT

CAPETOWN April 4 (A. P. A.): An attempt to persuade the Government to decline to grant exit permits to delegates of the South African Indian Congress, who are going to San Francisco to advise the Indian delegation on the colour problem in South Africa, was made to-day by the opposition in Parliament.

Eric Louw Nationalist asked Minister of Interior Clarkson whether he would refuse exit permits to these delegates on the ground that an attempt was being made by Union citizens to influence the Government of another country to interfere in the domestic affairs of the Union.

The minister's reply was that he had not received any request for the issue of exit permits.

It has been already announced that the President of the South African Indian Congress, A. Ishmail, and Secretary, A. I. Kajee with three other delegates would be sent to San Francisco.

Germans Trying To Pull Out From Doomed Ruhr

Allied Stranglehold Proving Too Strong For Nazi Counter-Attacks Near Kassel

(FROM D. F. KARAKA, "CHRONICLE", WAR CORRESPONDENT).

S.H.A.E.F, April 4 (Early Morning)

Germans are fighting with the last breath for their Fatherland.

In several places they have offered resistance and in others they have counter-attacked with remnant forces re-assembled and re-grouped. Their efforts are making little impression on the Allied advance which is moving them down.

The scene is pathetic. The might of the Allied armour has bent and broken the German army even as the power of the Allied air forces is reducing Germany to pulp. So touching is the scene that often one cannot help being moved by it. A German soldier, a boy of 16, taken among thousands of prisoners was crying with his head against a wall. They were tears of defeat.

Indications are that Germans are making a determined effort to pull out from the pocket of the Ruhr where, in General Eisenhower's words, they are "ripe for annihilation." The obvious place for such an attempt would be the vicinity of Kassel but the Allied stranglehold is proving too strong for feeble German counter-attacks. The heaviest opposition encountered has been in the Wurburg area where the enemy is trying to push into the Allied salient.

Also along the Seige River there has been considerable enemy pressure. But Allied forces are generally making circles round the Germans and whole towns like Munster are being picked up by Allied forces as if they are picking daisies.

The Ninth American Army is now 100 miles east of the Rhine as measured from the Rees-Wesel area. The vicinity of Herford has been reached. Some units of the Ninth are fighting in Hamm. Munster, which was hitherto bypassed by the Allied armour, has now been captured. Infantry elements are doing the general clearing up operations in the wake of armoured divisions.

GERMAN CADETS RESISTING

The British Second Army is advancing slower after an early rush. They have entered the outskirts of Osnabruck where they are meeting stiff opposition from a group of German cadets.

Meanwhile, Canadians on the Dutch sector appear to be threatening to cut off Germans in Holland. On the other side the American Ninth has captured Wurburg. The enemy tried counter-attacks near here but with little success.

The American Seventh reports heavy fighting north-east of Aschaffensburg, but further south resistance is decreasing. Another hospital has fallen into Allied hands—fourth or fifth within a few days. Allied columns are now only about 45 miles west of Nuremberg.

A German prisoner is recently reported to have exclaimed: "It is unbelievable." But it is more than that. The defeat of Germany is the biggest ghost story of all times. It is frightening to us who are only seeing and reporting what is happening here.

God alone knows what it is like to the German people.

Relief For Agriculturists In Broach And Kanara

SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN LEVY DEMANDS ANNOUNCED

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The Government of Bombay has examined the levy demands in the Broach, Dharwar, Belgaum and Bijapur Districts and has directed that the demand against each cultivator should be reduced in certain areas.

In the following areas of Broach Districts mentioned above who are that due on one-half of the foodcrops acreage of each holder, instead of the whole of his foodcrops acreage: Villages in Settlement Groups IV and V of the Jambusar taluka and all villages in the Wagra (including old Amod taluka) and Broach talukas.

In the Haveri and Ranebennur talukas of the Dharwar District the revised demand will be re-fixed as follows: On two-thirds of the foodcrops acreage in 101 villages, one-half in 55 villages and one-third in 59 villages instead of on the entire foodcrops acreage.

In the Bijapur District the demand will be revised as follows: On 4/5ths of the foodcrops acreage in 38 villages, 3/4ths in 28 villages and 2/3rds in 103 villages in Hungund, Bagalkot, Bilgi, Indi, Bagewadi, Muddebihal and Sindgi talukas.

In the Belgaum District it will be as follows: On 5/7ths of the foodcrops acreage in the Rabi areas of the Athni taluka, 1/2 in the Bajri-growing villages in Chikodi and Hukeri talukas, 3/5ths in Tract 2 of Gokak taluka, 5/6th in Tract I in Parasgad taluka, 7/10th in the millet-growing villages in Tract II of that taluka, 2/5th in the wheat growing villages in Tract II of the same taluka and 3/4th in Sampgaon taluka.

The effect of this will be to reduce the levy demand substantially in all the cases and to exempt altogether many of the smaller cultivators now liable to the levy.

All holders in the areas of the Districts mentioned about who are not in a position to sell to the Government the full quantity of grain shown in their bills already issued should take those bills to the village Accountants as soon as possible, so that the reduced levy demand can be substituted for the original entry.

Chances Of International Cotton Agreement

WASHINGTON, April 4 (Reuter).—The majority of representatives of the cotton producing countries who are meeting in Washington are understood to favour the adoption of an International Cotton Agreement. Chances for an agreement now depend in an important degree upon the position to be taken by Brazil.

Soviet Press Chief To Be Ambassador To China

MOSCOW, April 3 (A. P. A.): A. A. Petrov, Chief of the Soviet Press Department, has been appointed Russian Ambassador to China, it was announced to-day, to take over in Chungking from the Charge D'affaires who has been serving since the last Russian Ambassador left there some six months ago. Petrov is described as well qualified for Chungking because he is by profession a Professor of Chinese philosophy.

RUNDSTEDT EXECUTED?

Story Of Another Plot Against Hitler

STOCKHOLM, April 4. (U.P.I.). The uncovering by the Gestapo, of a new plot against Hitler's headquarters co-ordinated with a plan for a parachute coup d'etat against Berchtesgaden has brought about a new wave of arrests throughout Germany, according to the newspaper "Tidningen" which based its information from a "special source."

The reports said that Field Marshal Rundstedt has been executed by a firing squad and that the guards at Berchtesgaden have been doubled.

Sarat Chandra Bose's Condition

BOMBAY, April 4. (U.P.I.): It is reliably learnt that Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose who is now a detenue, has been suffering from fever since April 1942. In one of his letters to his son, Mr. Bose stated that recently his fever had increased and every morning he suffered from high fever.

It is also understood Mr. Bose is also suffering from acute diabetes Mr. Bose is now 56.

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ILLEGAL TO TRADE IN CHARCOAL OR FIREWOOD WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE

Dealers in charcoal and firewood of all categories in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District are reminded that it is illegal to deal or trade in charcoal or firewood without a valid Government licence for 1945-46.

Licences under the Bombay Charcoal and Firewood Trade Licensing Orders, 1944, are ready for issue. Dealers should call at the Office of the Assistant Director of Civil Supplies, (Charcoal and Firewood), Secretariat, Bombay, bringing with them the money receipts for renewal fees paid by them.

The dates for the delivery of the licences have been fixed as under:—

A, B and C Wards—Thursday, April 5;

D and E Wards—Friday, April 6;

F and G Ward—Saturday, April 7;

Bombay Suburban District—Monday, April 9.

Nazi Defensives Pierced Like Knife Cutting Through Butter

General Mopping Up And Clearing Out In Offing: Germans Stunned Into Coma!

By D. F. KARAKA, Chronicle War Correspondent

S.H.A.E.F. April 3 (Early Morning). Allied armoured divisions have spread like rash east of the Rhine from as far north as the Dutch border to far south of Wurzburg on road to the hotbed of Nazism at Nuremberg. At the top of the map Canadians came into the picture beginning with the local attack but now regarded as participating in general offensive east of the Rhine.

Security silence is being lifted. It was revealed that Field Marshal Montgomery had pushed his British troops 100 miles east of the Rhine. Munster had been bypassed and Allied armour was rattling north-west of it. Behind them follow the infantry who clean up and generally put things into shipshape, after armoured units have pierced through German defensives like sharp-pointed knife, cutting through butter. With the Ruhr encircled Allied forces are effecting a large squeeze-action. Gen. Patton's Third Army has spread itself in a wide area giving cover to the American First Army who are diverting part of its attention to squeezing the Ruhr. American Seventh Army likewise spreading in various directions eastward, past Wurzburg and south-eastwards past Heidelberg. From everywhere report suggests a general mopping-up and clearing-out. Here and there stiff resistance has been offered, but generally the resistance is scattered.

The problem facing the German is the inability to shift his troops where he most needs them. His holding of the Italian front is obviously useless now in view of the break-through on the Western Front. But were he to try and move them they would be butchered by Allied bombers.

In the month of March Allied planes flew over 50,000 sorties over Germany. It is part of F. M. Eisenhower's plan to soften each region before it is attacked by ground troops. There has also been that persistent nerve-shattering bombing of Berlin—36 days in succession.

STUNNED INTO COMA

Germans are just stunned into a coma. About 18,000 of his military transports have been rendered unserviceable. Horse-drawn vehicles, which he has tried to use instead, have also been pounded. He has lost in one month of bombing 833 armoured vehicles and another 700 have been damaged. This equals equipment of nine full Panzer divisions. His railroads have been cut. His planes have been skittled, on and off the ground. Yesterday two solitary Allied planes ran into 100 German fighters—odds of 50 to one. The result was unbelievable. Five German planes were shot down. Four of the same group operating in the afternoon ran into 60 Germans and a young American pilot, First Lieutenant Bruce Carr, shot down another five.

Returning to the base Carr said: "We were at 700 feet when we saw more than 60 jerries at 1,000 feet flying in four-plane formations. I tagged on to the leading German 109 whose prop was painted with black and white stripes, like barber's pole. I got him with the first burst and he blew up. I hit another in engine and he spun in. My third caught fire and the pilot bailed out. I got right behind another and got hits all over him. He went straight in. The fifth I had to chase in and out of overcast, but I finally speared him and he rolled over and crashed into ground.

All this took place east of Kassel in Mulhausen Gotha area, so that Germans must have seen for themselves that even the great Luftwaffe was crumbling to pieces. It is idiotic, it is crazy, it is sheer lunacy and madness for the German to carry on, but the son of a gun he still fights on. Meanwhile the problem for Allies is to regulate its advance. Here's got to be food found for thousands of German prisoners who are being taken daily. Order has to be restored in the areas captured. When whole hospitals are falling intact into Allied hands its wounded have to be cared for. Allied standards of civilisation have got to be adhered to. Even so the March towards Berlin is steadily kept up. It would not surprise me if British or Americans entered Berlin before Russians.

GERMANY SEEKS ARMISTICE TERMS?

STOCKHOLM, April 3.

It is persistently rumoured here that Schulrre, a member of commercial section of the German Foreign Office, who has been in Stockholm since early last week, has contacted the British Legation for armistice conditions.

No confirmation whatsoever of the rumour can be obtained here.

The British Legation refused to comment.

Britain Ready For Victory

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter): "War with Japan will still be on, and our forces in the Far East will continue to be engaged in stern and bitter fighting" is a warning contained in an official statement today announcing that the day when the European cease fire is announced and the day immediately following it shall be regarded as days of paid holiday in Government factories and service.

INDIAN INDUSTRIALISTS DISILLUSIONED

Britishers Want Half Share: National Govt. Alone Can Solve Problem

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON April 3.

About forty Indians—all of them Maharashtrians—spent their Easter Sunday at the residence of the Amraoti merchant Mr. Banarase. The company had gathered to do the honour to several Bevin Boys—Indian trainees—and two industrialists, Messrs. Kirloskar and Gurjar of the Kirloskar Brothers from Miraj. These two industrialists arrived in Britain two days ago to negotiate for further development of their industries but their experiences with British industrialists have not been quite happy. They told me that every British industrialist shows deep concern for Indian industries. He is very polite and most hospitable and offers to render you every possible assistance.

BR. FINGER IN INDIAN PIE

It almost makes you feel that these British industrialists are prepared even to give their lives just to help you develope your industries, but when you talk business with them they do not let you in any doubt that they must share 50 per cent of your industry. Some time they not only want a finger in your industrial pie, but it must be a longer finger than your own. These two industrialists are convinced that this attitude of British industrialists is due to the fact that the Federation of British Industries have given a directive to all their members to conduct negotiation with Indian Industrialists on these lines.

NATIONAL GOVT. FIRST

These two Indian industrialists feel that unless there is National Government in India you won't get proper business terms from British industrialists. They feel that unless India has an Indian Trade Commissioner in Britain who can talk on behalf of India in the interest of India there is no useful purpose in negotiating with British industrialists.

The latter in the end, despite platitudes of co-operation and mutual goodwill will swallow Indian industries for their own benefit and leave Indians to suck their own thumb.

Smuts In England

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter): General Smuts has arrived in England.

The South African Prime Minister General Smuts arrived here to-day for this week's Commonwealth Conference—the prelude to San Francisco. He said he had made no definite arrangements.

Asked if he would visit Germany, he said: "It is quite possible but nothing has been arranged yet."

General Smuts, who is paying his fourth wartime visit to Britain, was accompanied by the South African Minister for External Affairs, D. D. Forsyth.

Fresh Withdrawals From EAM

ATHENS, April 3 (Reuter): The Greek Union of Popular Republicans —ELD—which, after Communists, was the second largest party in the EAM (National Liberation Front), today officially announced its withdrawal from that grouping. Minor Socialist parties have also withdrawn in agreement with the ELD.

The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association has elected the following office-bearers—President: Mr. Sakarlal Balabhai and Vice-President: Mr. Ratilal Nathalal.

80,000 U. S. Coal Miners Strike Work

NEW YORK, April 3. (Reuter): More than 80,000 soft coal miners throughout the United States are on strike to-day. An effect is being felt in other industries already.

United States Steel, the biggest subsidiary of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, has stated that eight of its blast furnaces must close unless the coke position improves soon.

The men went on strike despite telegrams from Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, informing all branches of the union that it and the mine managements had agreed temporarily to extend the present wage contract till May first, pending further negotiations.

It is not clear whether the men struck in defiance of that agreement or owing to a delay in the receipt of news that it had been reached.

ROOSEVELT'S ESCAPE FROM U-BOAT ATTACK

CEUTA, Spanish Morocco, April 3. (A.P.A.)—The story of a narrow escape by President Roosevelt from attack by a German submarine pack that was extremely active for some weeks in the Straits of Gibraltar, at last has been pieced together. It involves the cleanup of the chief Axis submarine observation posts at Ceuta.

Eight hours before President Roosevelt's convoy passed through the Straits on the way home after the Yalta meeting, high officials of the United States Legation at Tangier proceeded by car to Tetuan where they interviewed friendly principals of the Spanish Government concerning suspected Axis espionage activities against Allied convoys through the Straits.

The Spaniards went with the Americans to a private house high on the cliffs of Ceuta, and inside they found a powerful radio especially constructed for communicating with German submarines.

They also found German cipher books and other documents and equipment of the spy station which was in charge of a Spanish Falangist in the pay of the Nazis. Raids in the past had proved avortive because of tip-offs.

"Absurd Assertion Unsupported By Facts"

U. S. Representative Ridicules Caroe's Observation On Indian Immigration Issue

WASHINGTON April 3 (Reuter): Characterising as "utterly absurd" the recent statement by the External Affairs Secretary, Government of India, Sir Olaf Caroe, on the Indian Immigration question, representative Emmanuel Celler of New York today predicted that liberal forces in the United States would continue to fight for the passage of the Indian Immigration Legislation, and would win.

Ridiculing the assertion by Sir Olaf Caroe that utterances in the United States by Mrs. Pandit and Pandit Kunzru had alienated the favourable opinion of the House Immigration Committee, Mr. Celler said: "Such a statement by a responsible official of the Indian Government is, to say the least, disquieting.

His observations are utterly absurd and unsupported by facts. The visits of Mrs. Pandit and Pandit Kunzru have had nothing whatsoever to do with the action of the members of the committee.

Certain members of the Committee are however extremely nationalistic and come from the Southern United States where there is a large Negro population. They coalesced with reactionary Republicans on the Committee and temporarily shelved the Bill. Remember, however, that the side that wins the first battle does not always win the war. The Allies know this and Hitler knows it."

Imported Fents And Embroideries

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has decided to exempt imported fents not exceeding three yards in length from the price stamping provisions of his notification No. T. C. (12)/44 dated the 14th October 1944. Similar exemption is being provided for imported embroideries also which have been so certified by the respective Controllers. It is to be noted that the above varieties are being exempted only from price stamping and not from price control. Certificates of landed cost would be issued by the respective Controllers for these varieties also and importers and other dealers are instructed to specify the number and date of such certificates on all invoices issued by them in respect of these goods so that it will be easy to verify whether the prices which they charge are lawful.

FAIR AT BANDRA.

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANDRA, April 2.

On Saturday evening His Grace Dr. Thomas Roberts, Archbishop of Bombay opened the three-day Easter Fair on St. Andrew's High School ground, Bandra before a large gathering of Catholics from the Suburbs. This fair is being held in aid of the Diocesan Charities and was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Bombay.

On Saturday the attendance is said to be over 2,000 and on Sunday over 10,000. It is expected the charities will benefit to the extend of at least Rs. 10,000.

RED ARMY BIRTHDAY IN ROME

U. S., British, French and Russian officials salute the Russinan Flag as it passes the reviewing stand in Rome's Palazza Venetia. The United Nations joined in celebrating the 27th Birthday of the Red Army.

'Britain Won't Split Up India'

Munshi Quotes Military Reason In Rejoinder To Jinnah

MADRAS, April 3 (A. P. I.): Mr. K. M. Munshi, ex-Congress Minister of Bombay, has issued the following statement to the Press:

Mr. Jinnah, has, in his usual vein, characterised the Conciliation Committee as dishonestly claiming to be a detached and independent body; marshalled his imaginary hundred millions in support of the Pakistan demand, and threatened the British Government with disastrous consequences if they listen to anybody except himself.

We are so accustomed to this Hitlersque attitude that it does not strike us as a strange exhibition of political arrogance. Indian political progress cannot wait on Mr. Jinnah's goodwill. Mr. Jinnah has a right to his own views, so have the overwhelming majority in the country, both Hindus and Mussalmans, who do not want the country to be divided. Apart from the political and religious creed of Akhand Hindusthan, for which I stand, there is no alternative to a united India either nationally or internationally. If you divide the country into two you will never get Britain to disrupt the integrity of the military frontier of India.

In our interest as well as for the stability of Asia it is essential that the present frontier of India should remain secure. And I am sure Britain is not going to listen to its being broken up at the sweet will of Mr. Jinnah. If you divide the country, Britain will refuse to break up the integrity of India's frontiers and the position of the states within that frontier will be no better than the position of Indian states to-day, or much worse the position of the states which quarrelled with each other when the East India Company enjoyed the hegemony in this country."

Schoolmaster's Son Becomes Jagirdar

KOLHAPUR, April 3 (A. P. I.): The ten-year old son of a poor village school master is to be the future Jahagirdar of Bavada. The question of succession to the Jahagirdari of Bavada, in the Kolhapur State, after the death of Shrimant Parshuram Bhausaheb Pant was under consideration for some time past and the Crown Representative has now selected Master Viswanath Raghunath Pandit, the son of a teacher serving in a primary school under the village Panchayat, to succeed the late Jahagirdar.

The Kolhapur Darbar is expected to make an announcement of the decision shortly.

Malta's Claim In Air Route

VALETTA, (Malta) April 3: (Reuter): The Council of Government unanimously passed a petition to the Secretary of State for Colonies that Malta should remain on the air route from London to Johannesburg by way of Cairo instead of being substituted by Rome.

Sack For 62 Rumanian Colonels

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter): Moscow radio reports an order to the Rumanian Ministry of War, signed by King Michael, dismissing 62 Colonels of Infantry, Cavalry, Air Force and Police from services.

U-BOAT SUNK BUT BR. FRIGATE WAS ABANDONED

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter): The Admiralty announces that the British frigate "Annan" sank a U-Boat in the North Atlantic recently. Depth charges forced the submarine to surface and it was finished off by gunfire. The crew abandoned the ship and a number of survivors were taken prisoner.

DR. LATIF TO START 2 WEEKLIES

Will Agitate For Reorientation Of League Creed

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 4 (A.P.I.) Dr. Syed Abdul Latif, one of the originators of the Pakistan idea, is shortly to start two weekly newspapers in Delhi, one in English and the other in Urdu.

The objects of these two journals, Dr. Latif says, is first and foremost the consolidation of the Muslim political thought and to bring about a settlement between the Muslim League and the Congress.

Dr. Latif says that, while giving support to all that the Muslim League concedes on a rational basis, the two journals will work for a reorientation in the Muslim League creed.

Dr. Latif further says that he will direct his attention to the ending of the present deadlock with the British Government.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF ACTION

LAHORE, April 3 (U. P. I.): According to a telegram received by the Nawab of Mamdot, the meeting of the Committee of Action of the All-India Muslim League scheduled to be held at Delhi on April 5 and 6 has been postponed to April 13 and 14.

TRIAL OF STRENGTH

The trial of strength between the Unionists and the Muslim League is expected in the by-election from the Deraghazikhan constituency. The Unionists nominated Nawabzada Mohdkhan, son of Nawab Sir Mohd. Jamalkhan Laghari, P.W.D. Minister for the seat.

IN EXPLOSION AREA

Final Date For Applications From Establishments

During the explosion which took place in Bombay City in April 1944 a number of authorised establishments which had been functioning in the affected area were either destroyed or put out of action. The authorisations and permits issued to them have been kept in abeyance. Some of the establishments have since obtained permission to start business in other areas and some others have begun to function again in the same locality as reconstruction of the area begun to progress. Fresh authorisations and permits have been issued to these establishments. There are still a good number of establishments which have failed to apply for restoration of permits and authorisations. It is now nearly a year since the explosion took place and establishments which suffered in that area have been given adequate time to re-start business. It has now been decided that May 31, 1945 will be the last date for receiving applications for restarting or transferring such establishments and any such applications received thereafter will be treated as for a new establishment.

Apprentices For Short Films

With their usual note of progressiveness, Information Films of India have announced a scheme for training apprentices in the Documentary technique which should, probably, help more than any other step to provide India's future 'short' film industry with the right type of technical personnel.

The Information Films of India are recruiting a number of young men as apprentices to be trained in the various Departments of short film production. The apprenticeship will last for a period of approximately one year and if the trainees display the right type of ability they may be absorbed in regular posts in the Information Films of India and Indian News Parade.

Apprentices will be chosen from among well-educated and intelligent young men and applications are being entertained from all parts of the country. They will be paid a stipend of Rs. 100/- per month during the period of their training.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter): The State Department to-day opposed the formation of a single American monopoly to control all telegraph communications.

Opportunity For Govt. To Win Confidence Of Indian Public

Mr. Soman's Plea For Fresh Appeal To His Majesty

MIRAJ, April 4 (A.P.I.)—"In times of great agitation in the country the Chimur and Ashti youths committed some atrocities in the heat of agitation for which they have been sentenced to be hanged. His Majesty the King has rejected the appeal for mercy on behalf of these prisoners," observed Mr. N. G. Soman, Deputy President of the Bombay Legislative Council.

Mr. Soman added that however it was worthwhile making a fresh appeal again to His Majesty the King to reconsider the decision and be pleased to commute the death sentences to transportations for life. The saving of the souls of Chimur and Ashti youths would create in the minds of all the Indians a sense of gratitude for such a humane act on the part of His Majesty the King and would strengthen the desire on the part of the Government to win the confidence of the Indian public. He heartily endorsed the feeling appeal issued by Gandhiji and Mr. B. G. Kher in this respect.

CALCUTTA, April 4 (U.P.I.)—As a protest against the rejection of the mercy petition of the Ashti and Chimur prisoners the workers of the "Pratyaha", a daily, Calcutta, suspended work today. The paper will be appearing tomorrow.

BURDWAN, April 3 (A.P.I.)—A resolution requesting the Government of India to commute the death sentences passed on the seven Chimur and Ashti prisoners to those of transportation for life was passed at an emergent meeting of the Burdwan Bar Association, Mr. Amarnath Dutta, advocate presiding.

City Municipal Congress Party's Resolution

The Bombay Municipal Congress Party at its urgent meeting called on Tuesday, unanimously passed the following resolution, Shri S. K. Patil, Leader, presiding.

The Bombay Municipal Congress Party deeply regrets the hanging order against Chimur-Ashti and such other political prisoners in India and is emphatically of opinion that hanging of these young men at this stage would amount to legalised cold-blooded murder in view of the fact that the crime alleged against them, however heinous, was committed under great public excitement in abnormal circumstances. The Party strongly urges the commutation of the hanging order to transportation for life. The Party earnestly hopes that the King and the Government would not add to existing bitterness which is bound to be the result if the hanging order is carried out.

The Party cabled the following message to the Private Secretary to His Majesty the King of England, London:

Bombay Municipal Congress Party regrets hanging order against Chimur and other political prisoners and prays for commutation of order in interest of Indo-British good relationship.

A wire to the C.P. Governor was also sent to the same effect.

THEY ALL APPEAL FOR REPRIEVE

The Indian National Steam Ship Owners' Association, the Telugu Munurwar Housing Society of Kamatipura, the Bombay Sugar Merchants' Association, the Hessian Traders' Association and the Staff of the Govindram Seksaria College of Commerce, Wardha, have passed similar resolutions and sent telegrams, appealing for reprieve to the prisoners.

A.-I. Kisans' Appeal To Viceroy

NEW DELHI, April 4 (U.P.I.): The The Secretary of the All-India Kisan Congress, it is learnt, has sent a representation to the Viceroy pleading for the commutation of death penalty of these prisoners. The Secretary of the Kisan Congress has also asked the provincial organisations to make similar representations.

New Dam Across Pennar In Cuddapah District

Madras Govt.'s Scheme Provides For Irrigation of 250,000 Acres Of Land

MADRAS, April 3. (A. P. I.): The Madras Government is planning to construct a 100-feet high dam across the Pennar in Cuddapah district in the immediate post-war period.

The proposed dam is intended to be erected at Gandikota and was originally designed to impound 34,000 million cubic feet of water capable of irrigating 2,50,000 acres of lands.

Investigation has proved that the total flow at the site in 1944 was less than 15,000 million cubic feet and it is therefore intended to reduce the capacity of the reservoir to irrigate about 100,000 acres of land.

A decision on the question is expected to be taken by the end of May next if the scheme is to be restricted it is obvious that fresh irrigation will be limited to the Cuddapah District and the question of impounding water lower down the river for the irrigation of areas in the Nellore District is expected to be taken up.

KAIRA CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE

Criticises Lukewarm And Halting Policy Of Government

(From Our Correspondent)

The first Kaira District Co-operative Conference met on the 24th and 25th instant under the Chairmanship of D.B.H.L. Kazi. It was attended by about 200 delegates from all over the district.

Mr. Indulal Yajnik, Chairman of the Reception Committee, outlined the development of the movement and ventilated the various grievances of the co-operators against the food policy of Government. He also criticised the lukewarm and halting policy of Government in the matter of co-operative development. He appealed for a clear-cut and definite policy by Government in that behalf.

D. B. H. L. Kazi joined in these sentiments regarding co-operative development by citing the example of the Provincial marketing society whose coal quota of 8,000 tons per month was arbitrarily cut down to barely 600 tons per month and individual dealers were favoured with the coal licenses.

The Conference passed a resolution calling for a clear enunciation of policy by Government that only well-managed co-operative institutions should be invariably licensed for distribution work in preference to private traders.

The conference also urged upon the leaders and the people to work in unison and to improve rural economy by starting different types of non-credit co-operative institutions.

The District Magistrate Mr. V. T. Dehijia keenly watched the proceedings of the opening day and it is hoped that he will further the cause of co-operation.

Messages wishing the conference success were received from the Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Poona, Mr. R. G. Saraiya, Chairman, All-India Co-operative Planning Committee, R. B. Chimanlal D. Kavi and others.

CONSTABLES ACQUITTED IN APPEAL

MADRAS, April 3 (U. P. I.): Mr. Justice Happel of the Madras High Court, allowed the criminal appeal acquitting three police constables attached to the Raipur Police Station, Vellore, who had been convicted by the Cuddapah Sessions Judge for offence of wrongful confinement of a person with a view to extorting confession and sentenced to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment.

Aga Khan Has Plans For India

Intends To Write To Gandhi And Jinnah

CAIRO, (A. P. A.): Within the next few months, the adorers, of the Aga Khan, spiritual monarch of the Ismailian Muslims, will conduct him to a giant scales, and ceremoniously seat him on one of its two discs.

On the other they will begin piling diamonds.

A pyramid of diamonds will rise beside him until the weight of the diamonds becomes equal to his weight. They will then make him a present of the pyramid.

The Aga Khan weighs 257 pounds.

This amounts, in diamonds, to some 615,000 carats. The Cullinan largest diamond ever found, weighed 3,030 carats. It was valued at dol. 75,000,000. Of course, nobody will be able even to estimate the value of the diamond pyramid, because the gems will vary in texture and brilliance and general quality.

The ceremony, known simply as the Diamond Jubilee, will be held twice this year—once in Kenya, where there is a large Ismailian community, and again in India.

It marks the Aga Khan's 60th year as head of the sect. He claims direct descent from Fatima, daughter of Mohammed.

Of it, he says, "It is a very ancient ceremony." He is not entirely unaccustomed to it, having been weighed in pure gold on his 50th anniversary, the Golden Jubilee.

He is returning to India late this year, via Kenya, for the first time since the war started. He has lived for five years in Switzerland.

He expresses deep pessimism over the future of Europe. "It is not only food and the means of living that these people need. They need, even more, a spiritual re-birth."

As for India—

"India is in what you would call a blind alley, politically. I have reflected on this, and I have some plans."

He intends to communicate them to his old friends, Gandhiji and Mohammed Ali Jinnah.

NO MORE CONTROL ON PENICILLIN

NEW DELHI, April 4. (A. P. I.), As from April 1, 1945, Government control on the distribution of penicillin in India has been lifted, says a Press Note. Those desirous of obtaining supplies of this drug can now approach the importer firms direct.

Two Civilian Children Killed In Air Accident

NEW DELHI, April 4. (A. P. I.): Air Headquarters, India Command, regret to report the deaths as the result of a flying accident of two civilian children on April 4 during the visit of the R.I.A.F., display flight to Aligarh, says a "Communique".

U. S. Tobacco For Britain

WASHINGTON, April 4. (A.P.A.) When Britain's tobacco controller, Sir Alexander Maxwell, comes to the United States to buy tobacco this year, he may, if current predictions hold, get as much as 400,000,000 pounds of the stuff. That is enough to make 133,000,000,000 cigarettes, according to sources in the Foreign Economic Administration.

Large crowds assembled on the occasion of Gandhiji's prayer at Rungta House on Ashti-Chimur Day.

Tata Steel Shares Decline

HEAVY LONG LIQUIDATION DEPRESSES COTTON MARKET

Bullion Quotation Firm On Short Covering

BOMBAY, April 4.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was influenced by approaching German surrender and good war news from Burma. There was utter absence of any support and the market was dull with a sagging tendency. Traders are not inclined to buy and the market was quiet. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfd. shares declined Rs. 28/- Ordinary shares lost Rs. 4/-. Bombay Dyeings were lowered by Rs. 5/- and Kohinoors were down by Rs. 3/- Associated Cements lost Rs. 3/-and Scindia shares declined rupee one.

The Bullion market was firm and Bulls pushed up Silver quotations and forced Bears to cover. Scarcity of floating supply resulted in an unusual discount for the next Silver Settlement. Gold was also firm on short covering.

Reports of India buying 6,000 bales of Peruvian cotton, induced heavy long liquidation and quotations reached new low level.

quiet under scattered selling while buyers were cautious. Day to day favourable war news have damped general feeling and the market is sagging. However speculative interest being limited there is nothing like any run away on quotations but cessation of buying is having pronounced effect. This state is likely to continue for some time Tata Steel Dfd Share opened today at Rs. 2021 and declined to 2107 and steadied at Rs. 2110. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 376 and ruled quiet at Rs. 375 Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1818 and steadied at Rs. 1816. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 600 and changed hands at Rs. 599.

The market was dull and trading was restricted. The Government of India has raised the quotation of 3-1/2 per cent Paper by Rs. 2 to Rs. 96. The market is now awaiting declaration of dividend on Steel Shares. Cement Shares met increased selling while Scindia Shares were also lowered.

GOLD & SILVER

Short Sellers Pay Heavy Penalty

The local Silver market was firm today and short sellers were compelled to pay heavy penalties in way of carry-over discounts' as mentioned before this market is thriving on the venture of Bears who remain short on the market while Bulls keep the market manipulated and they have now mastered the situation. Thus in the face of excellent war news and prospect of our early peace, it is risky to remain short.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 130/2 and 27,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/2.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 71/14 and uqotations fluctuated between Rs. 71/9 and Rs. 72 and later steadied at Rs. 71/13. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 72/4.

Trading in the current Silver settlement opened at Rs. 130/8 and quotation advanced to Rs. 131 under short covering. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs: 131. Carry-over facility for seven day's delivery was available at a discount of Rs. 3/8 and later narrowed to Rs. 3 at Rs. 126.

The market ruled firm on active buying. Gold was firm on short covering. Quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	132	0	0
Current Settlement	132	0	0
Next Settlement	128	12	0
Ready Gold	73	2	0
Gold Settlement	72	12	0
Sovereigns	50	4	0

BHUJ, April 4.

Hundi Koris Rs. 304/8, Silver Rs. 103/12, Gold Rs. 69/12.

BOMBAY COTTON

Tired Long Liquidation

The local cotton market was quiet today with tired long liquidation and quotations reached new low level.

As pointed out before, it appears that professional bull operators are not inclined to accept tenders against May contracts and with daily nedge selling the market is keeping quiet with a sagging tendency. Thus bear operators are gaining upper position. But the decline is likely to be of a temporary nature as the fundamental situation is in favour of higher prices.

The market opened at Rs. 446 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 443 under tired long liquidation and thus a new low level was reached. Later the market steadied at Rs. 444 under scattered covering.

Reports of India buying Peruvian cotton induced heavy long liquidation and May declined to Rs. 439. At this level the market steadied and closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C.	439	8	0
I.C.C.	454	12	0
I.C.C.	463	0	0

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Record Of Actual Transaction In Shares

BOMBAY, April 4.

MILLS

Advance 402/8
Apollo 3/12/9 3/12
Bharat 57/12
Bharucha 8
B. Dyeing 1817/8 20 16/4 21/4 11/4 20 12/8 18/12
Bradbury (Ord) 300 297/8
Bradbury (Pref) 531/4
Central India (Ord) 378 76 78/8 77 78
Central India (Pref) 732/8
Century 922/8 30 25
Colaba 208/8 8
Edward Textile 610 40 35 45 42/8 43/12
Elphinstone (Ord) 82 83/4
Elphniston (Pref) 121/14
Finlay 299 97 98
Gokak 294/8 93 94 92/8
India United (Defd) 2/15 2/14/3 2/14/6
India United (Ord) 14 13/13/6 13/14
Indore 685 87/8 80 91/4 90
Kohinoor 598 97 99 97 600 598
Madhusudan 402/8
Meyer 201/4 196/14 97/8
Minerwa 255
Model 245 42/8 43/12
Morarjee 695 700 697/8
New Great 366 63/8 65 63 64/8
Phoenix 630 38/12
Poddar 330
Sassoon Silk 79/8
Sassoon Cotton 21/12
Simplex 251/8 47 49/8 48 49/8 47 488
Swadeshi 634 33 36 35 37 35 36
Swan 324 25/8 24
Tata Mills 56/8 55/8 56
Vishnu Cotton 475

BANKS:

A.E.C. 37/2.
Baroda 136/8 37
Central 79 77/12 78
Habib 77/12 77/8
Imperial (Old) 1982/8
Imperial (New) 491/4
India 189/8 90 88/8
National Savings (P. P.) 37/8
Reserv 134/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 227/8
Andra Valley (Ord) 1777/8 70
Andhra Valley (Pref) 1675
Tram (Ord) 146/12 47 46/4 46/8
Tram (Pref) 66/8 65/4
Hydro (Ord) 205 5/8 4/8 5/8
Surat (Ord) 228/2 27/8
Hydro (Pref) 167/8
Power (Ord) 1880 70

INSURANCE

Empire 1245
British India 20/12
New India 78 78/4 77/8 77/12
Scindia 32/11 32 32/2 21/12
Tata Steel Defd 2022/8 27/8 17/8 22/8 5 15 7/8 12/8 10 13/12 2000 2003/12 1/4 3/12
Tata Steel Ord 375 76 75 75 76 73 74 73 74/8 72/8 73/8
Tata Steel 1st Pref 223/2
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 159/8 58/12 59

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 402/8 3/12 398/12
A. Cement 226 23 23/12 22 23 22/4 22/12 22/4 22/8
Belapur 215 14 15
Burmah (Old) 510 6/4 10
Burmah (New) 191/4
B. B. Petrol 4/12/6 4/11/6 4/12/6
Dharamsey 50/8 50
Indian Bleaching 170
I. I. Trust 118/8 (Ex. Div)
Port Canning 104/8
P. Construction (Ord) 202 200
P. Construction 2nd Pref 137 37/8
Shivsjpur 51/12
Tata Chemical (Ord) 20/2 20/3 20/2
Tata Chemical (Pref) 128/8 28
Tata Oil 62/8
Surat (Pref) 193/12

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 488 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY, April 4.

The produce market was quietly steady with a moderate business. Groundnuts quality were quoted at Rs. 14/3 and May quotation was Rs. 14/5 Bombay Bold groundnuts stood at Rs. 13/11 Castorseeds Bombay ready were quoted at Rs. 15/6 and Goa delivery quotation was Rs. 15/8. Linseed C.P. and U.P. was placed at Rs. 15/12. G.I.P. Stations Linseed was quoted at Rs. 15/11/6 and N. S. Ry Stations quotation was Rs. 15/10.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 3.

T. T. London on:

New York sellers 4.02.1/2, buyers 4.03.1/2 Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4. Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN N. Y. COTTON PRICES

Traders Await I. C. C. Developments

NEW YORK April 3.

The renewal of yesterday's buying was attributable to Senator Bankhead's idea of calling in cotton loans together with expectations of Congressional enactment of the Price Stabilization Act without major changes. International Cotton Conference developments are closely watched. Latterly prices sagged in sympathy with grains with more attention paid to the exceedingly favourable character of war news and the resultant early peace outlook. The market closed steady.

At the opening July was quoted 2 points higher at 21.91 and gained further 2 points at 21.93 during the first hour on scattered buying and this proved to be the highest level for the day. Later prices declined on small realising and July lost 5 points from the highest level and touched 21.88 which was the lowest level reached during the last hour. The session closed unchanged to 5 points higher. Spot cotton price improved 2 points at 22.47c per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, April 3.

May	22.11+03
July	21.89—
October	21.42+03
December	21.32+04
January	21.25+04
March	21.23+05
July highest (10.17 a m)	21.93+04
July lowest (2-27 p m)	21.88—01
Middling Spot	22.47+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, April 3.

May	22.10+01
July	21.86—
October	21.42+06
Middling Spot	21.55—

NOON CALL

NEW YORK, April 3.

May	22.16
July	21.92
October	21.45

Agreement On Need Of International Action To Correct Cotton Position

WASHINGTON, April 3. (Reuter): A General informal agreement was reached yesterday by representatives of the leading cotton exporting countries on the need of international action to correct the wide gap between world cotton consumption and excess of cotton stocks.

The countries represented were India, Turkey, the Soviet Union, Mexico, Peru, Britain, Egypt, France and the United States. The Brazilian representatives are expected to-day. Argentina is not represented.

The informal agreement opens the way for a possible recommendation that negotiations should be undertaken by various countries for an international commodity agreement on cotton to prevent price instability.

The various delegates presented figures reported to show that the estimated world total supply for the year 1944-45 is above 50 million bales compared with an estimated consumption of less than 25 million.

The delegates to this meeting, known as the International Cotton Advisory Committee meeting are not empowered to negotiate an International Agreement but the conference arises from the International Cotton Conference of 1939 which favoured the adoption of an International Commodity Agreement and that a committee could recommend negotiations and draw up a formula representing the kind of pact which it was deemed appropriate to adopt.

India Buying Peruvian Cotton

WASHINGTON, April 4. (A.P.A.)—A Foreign Economic Administration official said that India had expressed interest in purchasing at least part of the 60,000 bales of long staple Peruvian cotton held by the FEA.

How much cotton India might buy is not established officials said.

This stock of cotton was bought by the FEA in 1942, when the German threatened to overrun Egypt, which is the principal source of the material.

Chicago Grains Market

CHICAGO April 3. (U. P. A.)—Grain prices were erratic and traders were nervous despite the sharp upturn in rye on the Chicago Commodity Exchange to-day.

May futures for rye reached a new high level for the season.

Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, April 3, (U.P.A.)—Stock prices advanced for the sixth consecutive session with a high trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange today.

All groups gained, leading issues ranging from fractions to over two points.

Railroads were strong, steel issues were firm while motors and oils showed small gains.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, April 4.

Cocoanuts Raw Rs. 82 Dry Rs. 80 Cocoanuts Oil Rs. 325 Copra Office Rs. 195 Dilpasand Rs. 210 Madrasnottam Rs. 220 Goodgooda Rs. 220 Pepper Wynaad Rs. 375 Country Rs. 367/8 Dryginger Chernad Rs. 250 Ernad Rs. 230 Coffee Robusta Rs. 84.

LONDON BULLION.

London, April 3.

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, April 3.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 48/6 June quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, April 3.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72.5/8. Consols 2-1/2 p c £83-1/16. Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106. War Loan 3-1/2 p c £105-7/16. Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £114. Victory Bonds 4 p c £114. Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £11-13/16. Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £89. National Bank of India £42-3/4.

War News Steps Up Japanese Bond Buying

LONDON, April 3: The progress of the war in the Far East is causing speculative buying, in British stock markets, of Chinese and Japanese bonds. Foreign bonds, particularly German are again higher to-day. Although there is a disposition to be cautous regarding possible payments from Germany in the future the low price of these securities causes some buying.—(Globe)

Further Increase Of 3¼ Crores In Note Issue

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ending 30th March shows total note issue Rs. 1094,66,95,000 against Rs. 1091,39,79,000 in the previous week. Details of the Issue Department are as under:—

LIABILITIES: Notes held in the Total Notes issued Rs. 1094,65,95,000. Notes in circulation Rs. 1084,88,19,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 1094,65,95,000. Total Liabilities Rs. 1094,65,95,000.

ASSETS: Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 978,82,89,000. Total of A Rs. 1022,74,32,000; B Rupee Coin Rs. 14,07,44,000; Government of India Rupees Securities Rs. 57,84,19,000. Total Assets Rs. 1094,65,95,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.430 per cent.

Worth Street Inactive

NEW YORK, April 3, (U.P.A.)—Prices were steady as a result of new crop deliveries on the New York Cotton Exchange today.

Trading was irregular and prices worked irregularly higher in sympathy with the firmness of grains.

On Worth Street, trading in the cotton goods business was inactive.

Mills have substantially withdrawn pending clarification of Government regulations.

REVISED MINIMUM PRICES OF LOANS.

NEW DELHI April 4.

The Government of India have issued a notification to-day revising the minimum prices of 3 per cent and 3-1/2 per cent Paper to Rs. 85 and Rs. 96 respectively. They have also fixed the minimum price of the 3 per cent Victory Loan, 1957 at Rs. 97/8/0.—A. P. I.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, April 4, (A. P. I.): Deccan 37, Deccan (25) 85, India Sugar 31, Mysore Sugar 59, South India 16/8, Travancore 14/10, Balmadies 1/10, Blue mountains 1/8, Cochin Malabar 16/6, Chembra Peaks 9/1, Coorg 90, Pringfords 14/12, High Produce 30/8, Kalpettas 32, Kalasa 14/2, Midland 12/2, Nelliampathy 1/8 CD, Nellithanam 14, Guchtherliony 9, Peermedle 47, Pallangode 2/11/6, Travancore 22/10, Thirumbadi 3/13/6, Vaikumdam 20, Vellitam 34/10, Waterfalls 1/8, Bangalore Wol. 465, B. and C. Ordy 316/8, Cambodia 22/12, Coimbtore Murugan 191 CD, Cobatore Pioneer 315, Dhanalaxmi 340, Janardhana 93/8, Keeleeswarar 730, Kothari Tex 31, Lakshmi 146, Mettur 257/8 Madura 69/8, Miscellaneous and Cement 119, Bruntons 12/4, Hind Trust 22/8, Mysore Lamps 33/8 CD, Mysore Chem and Fert 23, Mysore Paper 22/8, Mysore Chem. Mfrs. 33, Mettur Chem. 15/8, Mettur Chem. Dfds. 6.

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, April 4.

The Market remained more or less unchanged. The volume of business Following are to-day's final transactions upto 3 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT.—SECURITIES: 2-3/4 p c Loan 96/14, 3 p c Loan 1953/55 100/9 S. Lots 3 p c Loan 1961/54 100/13 S. Lot, 3 p c Victory Bond 1957 99/14/6 3 p c Loan 1963/65 98/15, 3-1/2 p c Government Paper 99/11, 4-1/2 p c Loan 1955/60 117/3, 5 p c Loan 1945/55 102/7.

BANK: Reserve Bank 133.

COTTONS: Basanti 11/4 Kesoram 16/14, Bengal Nagpur 40/8, New Victoria Ordy 7/3, Do. (Pref) 8/10.

COALS: Amalgamated 52, Bhalgora 20/3 Burra Dhemo 11/3, Central Kurkend 23/14, East Indian 27/8, Ghusik and Musila 40/4, New Beerbhoom 39/4, Rewa 44, South Karanpura 28/13 Satpukuria and Asansol 10/8, Sendra 23/2 Talcher 12, Bengal 682, Burrakur 41, Dhemo Main 27/3, Nazira 20/6, Raneegunge 49/8.

JUTES: Alliance 610, Cheviot 311, Howrah 87/11, Kamarhatty 687, Kankinarrah 574, New Central 610 CT, Orient 268 Barnagore 220, Champdany 257 CT, India 690, Nuddea 125, Presidency 11/15.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 5/3, Consolidated Tin 3/10, Indian Copper 3, Rhoodesia Copper 2/4, Alkali and Chemicals 28/8, Arthur Butler 26, Bhartia Elc. Steel 21/8, Bourn and Co. 410 Small Odd Lot, Ingaan Iron 38/8, Kumardhubi Eng. 10/4, Saran Eng. 9/6, National Iron 11/9, Steel Corpn. Ordy 32/8, Aluminium Corpn. 15, Dunlop Rubber 63/14 Ex. Dividend, National Insulated Cable 14/1, Rontas Industries 16/2, British Burma Petroleum 5, Mysore Paper 23, Star Paper 15/10, Titaghur Paper 27/2, Midnapore Zemindary 170, India Genl. Navgn. 184/8.

SUGARS: Carew 26/7, Darbhanga 26, New India 16/10, New Savan 26, Ramnugger Cane 14/6, Raza 42/4.

TEAS: Central Cachar 116 S. Lot, Chamong 22, East Indcu 17/10 Loobam 18/6, New Docars 1450 S. Lot, Rutema 19/10.—A. P. I.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, April 4.

Wheat 10/4 Gram 7 Barley 6 Peas 6 Old 5/8 Arhar New 7 Old 6/12 Maize 6/8 Bajra 7/8 Bajser 6 Urad 13/14 Moong 11/4 Stock Wheat 48 Barley 61 Peas 124 Arhar 116 Chattis Cotton Seed Desi 10/4 Chelki 9/2 Gur 9/2 Arrival 500 Mds Mardana Md 56/12 Dw 58/1 Chet 55/4 Asuj 55/4 Silver 129 Opened 128/8 Gold 72 Guhar 7/4/3 Futures Developed Considerable Strength on speculative activity.

Kripalani Threatened To Move Out Of Car In Motion

Gidwani Alleges Ill-Treatment By Escorting Police Officer To Acharya

KARRCHI, April 3. (U. P. I.): Dr. Choithram Gidwani, M.L.A., President, Sind Provincial Congress Committee, has lodged a strong protest against the tdeatment meted out to Acharya Kripalani while being escorted to Sind from Ahmednagar, in a statement to the Press.

He says: "The Acharya should have been taken to the United Provinces where he spent 30 years of his life. In Sind he has not the right to vote."

Continuing, he says: "From Ahmednagar, he was brought to Bombay in the morning and confined in the waiting room the whole day. His request that he may be taken to the nearby railway restaurant for food was refused. While en route to Karachi, he was made to alight at the Mirpurkhas Railway Station wherefrom he was brought to Karachi in a car, a distance of 200 miles. This tiresome journey was imposed on him notwithstanding his age, and weak health. He was not informed of the arrangement when asked to leave the train at Mirpurkhas, with the result that he was without clothes or toilet, his kit having been left in the train.

"When the car was touching Hyderabad on the way to Karachi, he insisted that he should be taken to the Railway station to secure his kit to change his clothes, etc., but the Police Officer in charge refused. This exasperated Mr. Kripalani who threatened to open the gate of the car and move out. This produced the desired effect and Mr. Kripalani was brought to the Railway Station."

Khan Saheb Assures Liberal Policy Towards Sikhs

PESHAWAR, April 3. (A. P. I.): "Although as a true Indian I do not believe in petty communal things, I have got due regard to the interests of every community", said Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of the N.-W. F. Province to a Sikh deputation which saw him to-day.

Dr. Khan Sahib is believed to have promised liberal treatment to the Sikh community.

Britain and Eire passed a resolution to-day demanding the immediate release of all the Congress leaders and the formation of an Indian National Government.

The resolution said that only such a Government would be able to mobilise in full all of India's human and material resources necessary for a full war effort and full co-operation with the nations of the East in defeating Japanese fascism. The conference also welcomed the Yalta decisions as a great moral and political blow struck at world fascism.

Externment For Assam Women

SHILLONG, April 3. (A.P.I.):- To prevent them from acting in a manner prejudicial to the Defence of British India, the District Magistrate, Lakhimpur, has directed six women of Assam not to remain in any area or place within the limits of Lakhimpur District unless they have a written permit.

ASSAM M.L.A. RELEASED

GAUHATI, April 3 (U. P. I.): Mr. Omeo Kumar Das, M.L.A., Secretary, Assam Congress Parliamentary Board, detained since August 1942, was released from the Gauhati Jail. His wife, Mrs. Puspalata Das who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for violating here internment order last month is now in the Gauhati Jail.

Yamashita's Hopes Of Meeting MacArthur Dashed

NEW YORK, (I.P.S.)—Before evacuating Manila at the advancing legions of MacArthur, General Tomoyuka Yamashita, the conqueror of Singapore and Bataan gave an interview to Japanese correspondents. He explained and declared:—

"At last I have MacArthur in my iron trap. I have been chasing him all over the South Seas and each time he has slipped away from me. This time it will be different and my pleasure of a face to face meeting will be realised". But before realising this ambition Yamashita was forced to withdraw from Manila.

BOOMERANG FOR BEVERLY

BOSTON, April 4 (U.P.A.): The "Christian Science Monitor" published a letter from an American army Lieutenant stationed in Calcutta in which the Lieutenant called Beverly Nichols' book "Verdict on India" the "most biased, prejudiced and wretched reflection of actualities of India that has been published in a long time.

It outdoes Miss Mayo's "Mother India", the writer said.

During his five months' stay in India, the Lieutenant said: "I am sure it is safe to say Nichols hereby loses any right he may have had to be called a fair and objective, or even honest commentator."

DISPENSARY FOR BANGALORE

BANGALORE CITY, April 2: The Executive Committee of the Indian Red Cross Society (Mysore State Branch) at their meeting held at Bangalore on the 31st March, Rajamantrapravina Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda, Minister for Public Health presiding, accepted a cheque for Rs. 15,000 sent by Mr. Ramnarayan Chellaram and his nephew Mr. Bhagwandas Hundraj for the construction of a dispensary in the compound of the Seth Chellaram Kishindas Maternity Home to be named after Mr. Ramnarayan's brother the late Seth Hoondraj Chellaram.

KARACHI MOVE FOR "PAKISTAN DAY."

KARACHI, April 4. (A.P.I.): A proposal asking the Karachi Municipal Corporation to celebrate March 23, as "Pakistan Day" every year, as it celebrates the Independence Day on January 26, will come up for consideration before the Corporation at its next meeting. The Proposal which has been tabled by five members of the Muslim League party adds that besides closing municipal offices and schools on March 23, sweets should be distributed to children and a sum of Rs. 1,000 provided in the budget for the purpose.

FREE EYE CURE FAIR

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, (By Mail).

A free eye-cure fair will be held from 6th April for about a fortnight within the premises of Hitkarini City College, Jubbulpore.

An influential committee is formed to organize the work.

NO CONGRESS MINISTRY IN U. P.

Purshottam Das Tandon Says Rumours Are Imaginary

LUCKNOW, April 3 (A.P.I.): Babu Purshottam Das Tandon, Speaker of the U. P. Legislative Assembly in an interview to the Associated Press characterised as "purely imaginary" a press report that a Congress Ministry was soon to be formed in the province.

Mr. Tandon's reaction to Mr. Jinnah's recent statement on the Sapru Committee's cable to London was, "I am not at all surprised at Mr. Jinnah's statement. It is just like him. But the public know where to place it."

SAPRU COMMITTEE AGAINST PAKISTAN

But Mody-Mathai Report Does Not Directly Oppose Partition

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 3.

The Sapru Committee, according to reports have declared, itself against Pakistan or division of India. The Committee favours fifty-fifty basis of representation in Legislature for caste Hindus and Muslims. This, notwithstanding the fact that two principal members of Pakistan Committee namely Sir Homi Mody and Doctor John Mathai had declared for Financial and economic possibility of Pakistan.

In the memorandum on the "economic and financial aspect of Pakistan" submitted to the Sapru Committee Sir Homi Mody and Doctor Mathai do not directly oppose partition of India provided there was some central organisation for co-ordination purposes in matters of common interest in trade, Commerce and Defence.

Rival Congress Meetings At Loggerheads

LAHORE, April 4 (U.P.I.): A dispute over the question of habitual wearing Khadi led the formation of two rival Congress Workers' Assemblies in Lahore today. About 160 Congressmen gathered to elect the office-bearers of the District Congress Workers' Assembly when objection was raised that those who did not wear Khadi have not the right to participate in the voting. President overruled the objection which led to a walk-out by about 90 Congressmen. Both the groups held meetings and elected their own office-bearers.

APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Special Leave Granted

HUBLI, April 3.. (A.P.I.)—News has been received from London that the Privy Council has given special leave in the appeal preferred by the Bombay Government against the decision of the Bombay High Court in the Habeas Corpus application by Mr. K. G. Gokhale, M.L.A. of Belgaum.

It is understood that the India Office will take immediate steps for the early hearing of the appeals. It will be recalled that Mr. Gokhale was acquitted and released by the Bombay High Court in the above Habeas Corpus application.

Indian Students In London Demand Leaders' Release

LONDON, April 3. (A.P.A.): The annual conference of the Federation of Indian Student Societies of Great

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 4.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Wallace Street, Fort, on FRIDAY, 27th April, at 3-30 p.m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Director's Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1944.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
(3) To confirm the appointment of Mr. H. P. Cumming as a Director.
(4) To elect Directors in place of Mr. Vithaldas Kanji and Mr. H. P. Cumming who retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.
(5) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th April to 30th April, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For the Bombay Company Limited
L. F. H. GOODWIN,
Managing Director,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Bombay, 4th April, 1945.
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PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that seven Certificates of Ordinary Shares bearing Nos. 7135|7141 of the face value of Rs. 100/- each fully paid up of the Central India Spinning, Weaving and Manufacturing Company Limited standing in the joint names of Messrs. Dayabhai Manilal and Shamji Premji have been destroyed by the recent fires due to explosion in Bombay on 14th April, 1944 and cannot be found.

Any person claiming any interest in the said shares must notify the same to the above Company at its Registered Office, 'Bombay House', Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay or to the undersigned, within 14 days hereof as application for the duplicate share certificates has been made by them to the Company.

(Sd.) SHAMJEE PREMJEE
(Sd.) DAYABHAI MANILAL
Address: 312, Narshinatha St.,
Dated 5-4-45.
(2736)

THE VISHNU COTTON MILL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9 Wallace Street, Fort, on FRIDAY, 27th April, at 3-45 p.m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Director's Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1944.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
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(5) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th April to 30th April, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
FOR THE BOMBAY COMPANY LIMITED
L. F. H. GOODWIN,
Managing Director.
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Bombay, 4th April, 1945.
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ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

Vacancies exist for posts in Bombay for:

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Officer in Charge, Allotment & Remittance Section, R.I.N.
2nd Floor, Jehangir Building,
Esplanade Road,
Bombay.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

IN THE COURT THE DISTRICT JUDGE AT AHMEDABAD.

Civil Misc. Appln. No. 98 of 1944

In the Matter of the Winding up petition of the Great Home Life Assurance Co., Ltd. having its registered office near Panchkuva Gate, Ahmedabad.

Petitioner: Superintendent of Insurance, Simla

Vs.

Opponent: The Great Home Life Assurance Co., Ltd.

Notice is hereby given to all the existing Creditors of the opponent company that pursuant to the order passed by the Court on 9-3-1945 a MEETING of the existing creditors of the opponent company will be held at Bombay in the room No. 7 on the first floor Noble Chambers, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay on SATURDAY, the 28th April, 1945 at 3 p. m. (N. S. T.) under the Chairmanship of the Provisional Liquidator to consider the situation arisen by the winding up petition and to consider and resolve upon the schemes submitted in Court. The Chairman will submit his report of the proceeding of the meeting to the Honourable Court thereafter. All creditors are requested to attend the meeting personally or by Proxy duly lodged and received at Ahmedabad by the Chairman at least one day before the date of the meeting.

NAVINCHANDRA M. DESAI,
Provisional Liquidator and Chairman.
Dated 2-4-1945.
Aka Sheth Street, Raipur,
AHMEDABAD.
(2737)

NOTICE.

IN THE COURT THE DISTRICT JUDGE AT AHMEDABAD.

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Petitioner: Superintendent of Insurance, Simla.

Vs.

Opponent: The Great Home Life Assurance Co., Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of the Honourable Court's order, dated 9-3-1945 a meeting of the existing Policyholders (whose policies are in force at the date of the meeting) will be held in the Company's Registered office in Mohmed Building 2nd floor, Near Panchkuva Gate, Ahmedabad on. SUNDAY, the 6th May, 1945, at 3-30 p. m. (N.S.T.) to consider about the situation arisen as a result of the winding up petition and to consider and resolve upon the schemes submitted in Court. The Chairman (The Provisional Liquidator) will submit his report about the proceedings of the meeting to the Honourable Court thereafter. All Policy-holders (whose policies are in force on 6th May 1945) are requested to attend the meeting personally or by Proxy duly lodged with and received by the Provisional Liquidator at Ahmedabad at least one day before the date of the meeting.

NAVINCHANDRA M. DESAI,
Provisional Liquidator and Chairman.
Dated 2-4-1945.
Aka Sheth Street, Raipur,
AHMEDABAD.
(2738)

GRAXALT REFINERIES, LIMITED KARACHI

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 21st April to 12th May 1945, both days inclusive.

The Third Annual General Meeting of the Graxalt Refineries, Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Safe Deposit Chambers, McLeod Road, Karachi on Saturday the 12th May 1945 at 3 p. m. when the usual resolutions regarding the adoption of the Directors' Report and the Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1944, the declaration of Dividends, the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors will be submitted.

The Dividends, if sanctioned will be payable from Monday the 19th May 1945.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. SHANKER & COMPANY, LIMITED.
Managing Agents,
G. M. SHUKLA,
Managing Director.
Karachi, 24th March 1945.
(2735)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Open Space in the Victoria Gardens at the junction of Victoria Gardens and Connaught Road has been kept reserved for 3 weeks from 2nd April, 1945, for holding the Bye-Election for Ward No. 11.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the city of Bombay,
D. I. AHMADI,
Superintendent,
Municipal Gardens.
Victoria Gardens Office,
Byculla-Bombay,
Dated 3rd April, 1945.
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LEGAL NOTICES

SALE NOTICE.

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SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL those pieces or parcels of land or ground, situate at Mouje Chembur Tarfa Turambhe Sub-District Bandra and Bombay District Suburban bearing the following Survey numbers and particulars together with the bungalow, shed, well, outhouses and other hereditaments and premises standing thereon situate within the limits of the Urban Area and rights and appurtenances thereto.

Nature of the land.	Survey No.	Hissa No.	Approximate Area Acre. Gun. Yds.	Assessment. Rs. As. Ps.
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Agricultural	344	—	0 12 0	1 6 0
Agricultural	332	—	0 1 0	0 1 9
Agricultural	245A	—	0 6 0	0 5 3
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NOTE: The houses in Non-agricultural No. 2-246 have been assessed by the Notified Area Committee of Chembur under House No. E 35, E 36 and E 37.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1945.

HARILAL THAKAR AND CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE SWASTIK OIL MILLS, LIMITED.

BOMBAY 15.

NOTICE

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE SWASTIK OIL MILLS, LTD., will be held on THURSDAY, the 26th April, 1945, at 5-15 P.M. (S.T.) at the Office of Messrs. Bakubhai Ambalal & Co., 27, Bastion Road, Fort, Bombay.

1. To adopt Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Account for the year ended 31st December 1944.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas and Mr. Narottam Lalbhai, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SARABHAI SONS LTD.,
VIKRAM A. SARABHAI,
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22nd March 1945.
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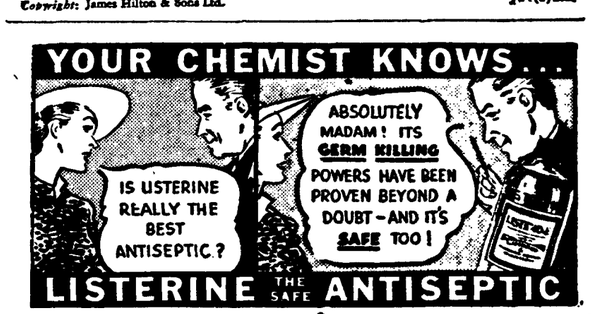
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